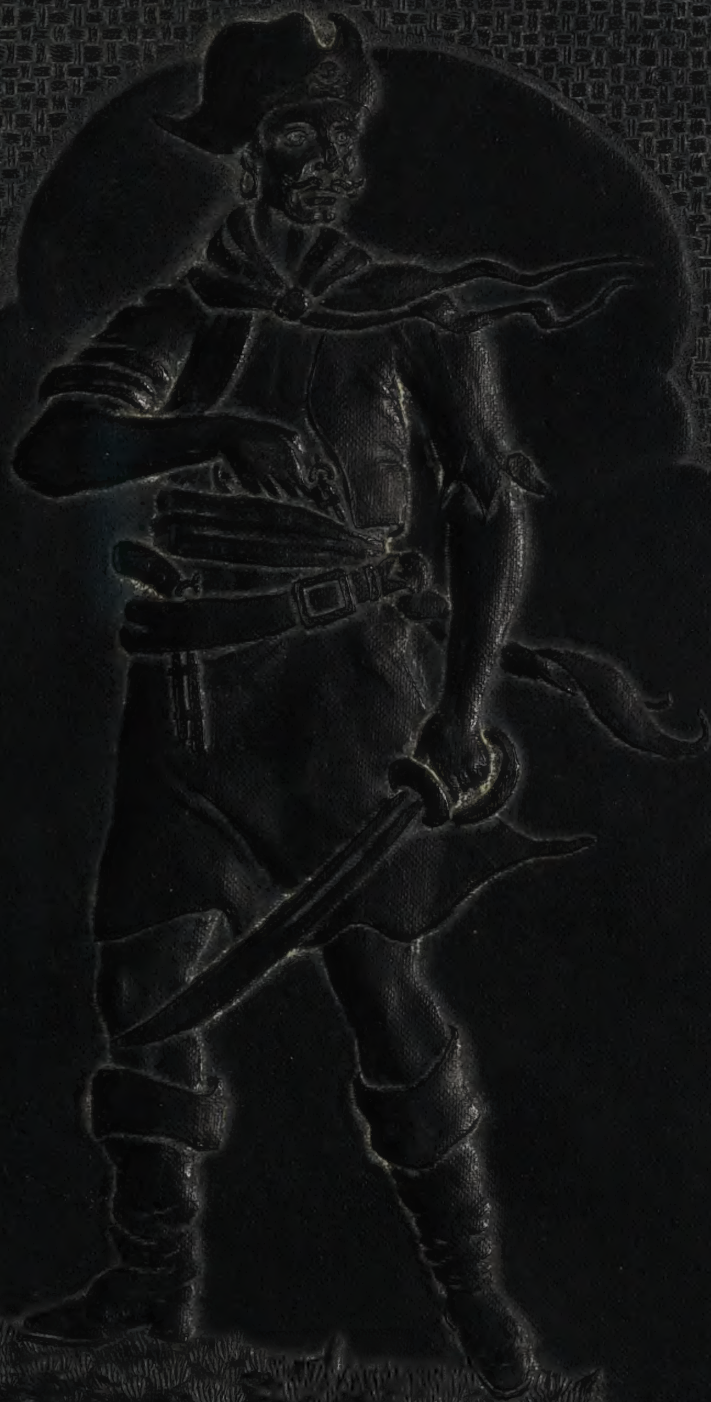


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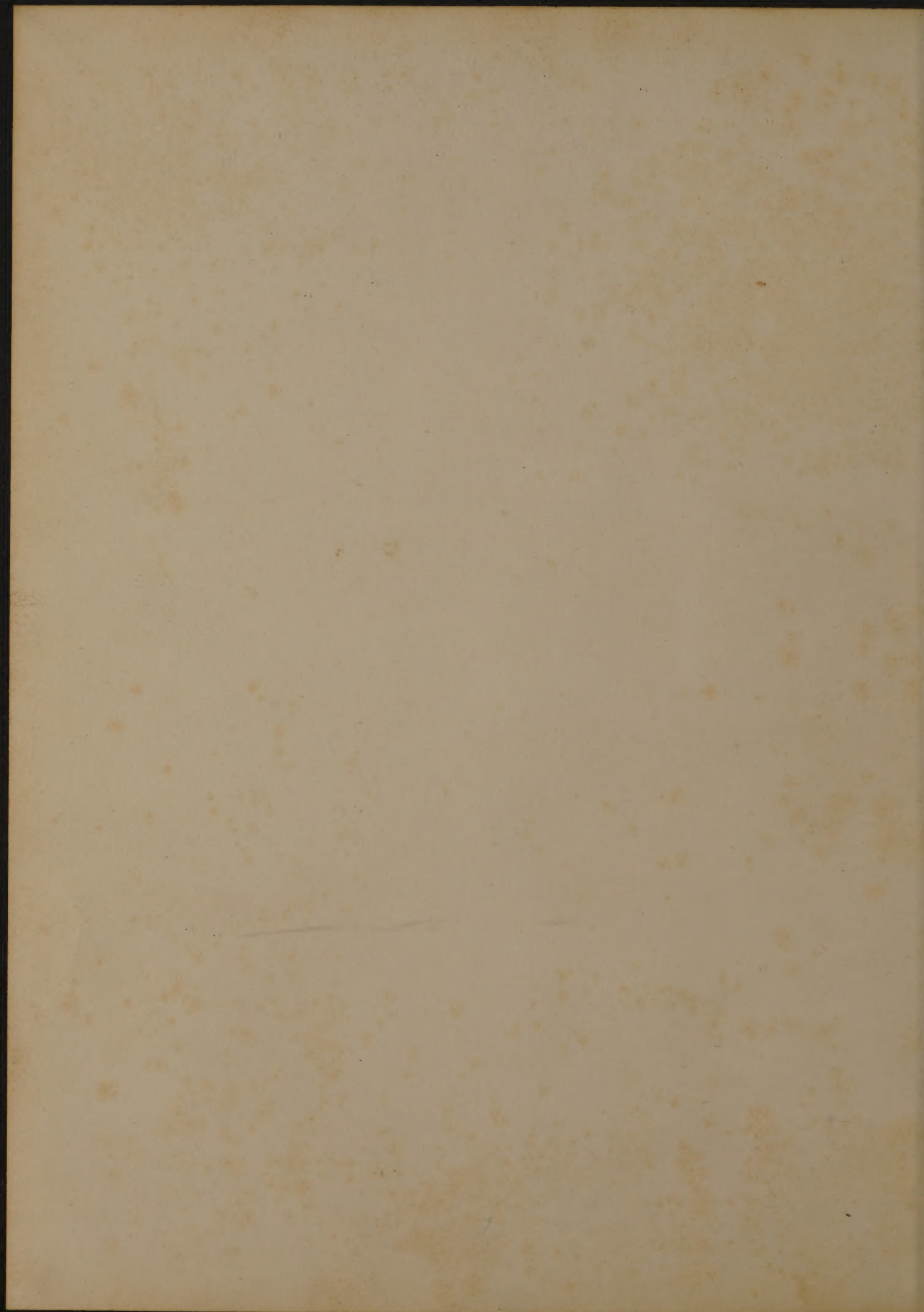
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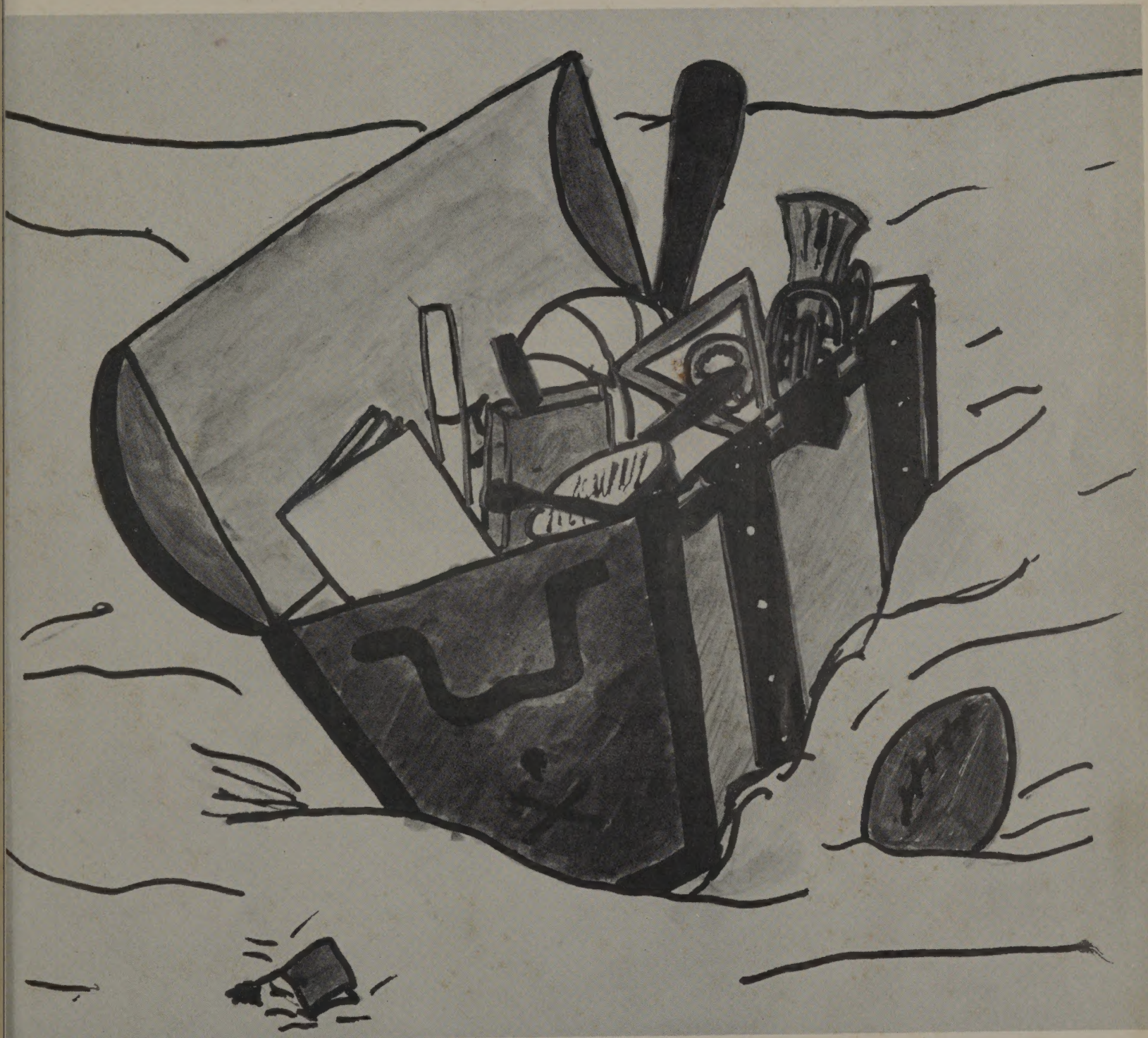
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Center of a Thriving Community

Bluffton, Ohio





The 1955 Buccaneer Staff
Bluffton High School
Bluffton, Ohio
Presents A
Pirate Chest of Memories

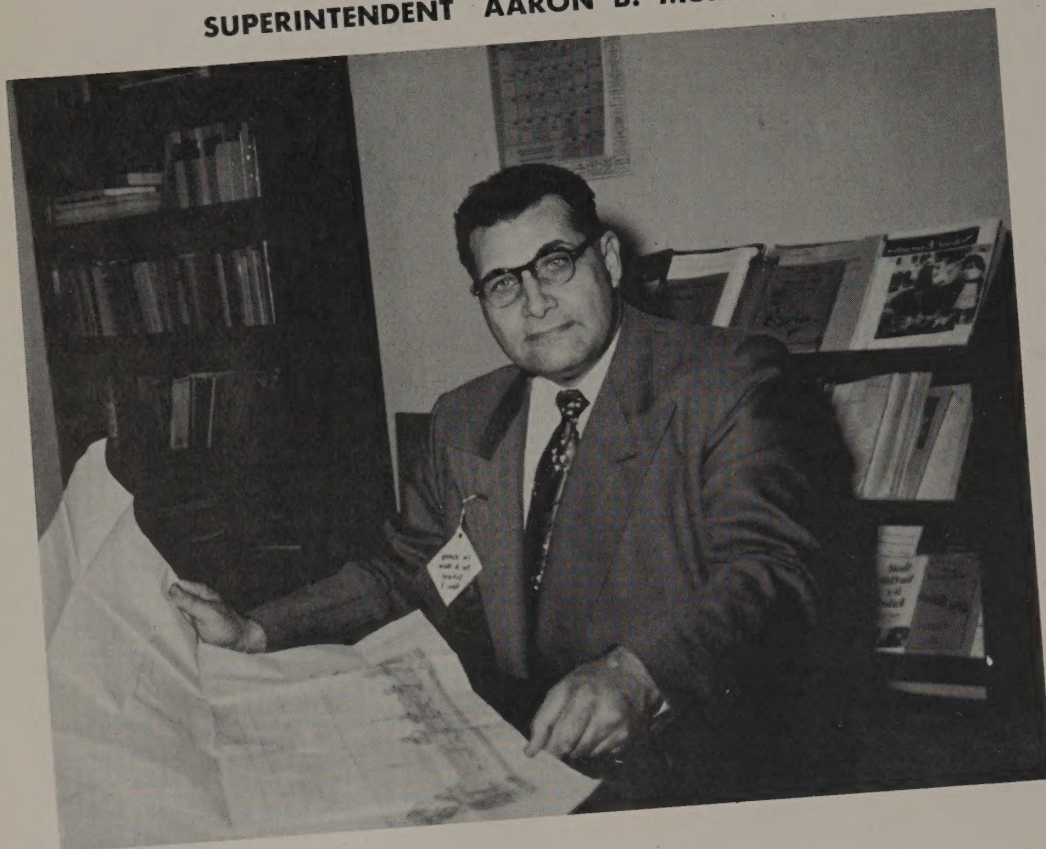


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Top School Leaders Have Much Responsibility

SUPERINTENDENT AARON B. MURRAY



Bluffton High School 1923
A.B. Bluffton College
M.A. Ohio State University

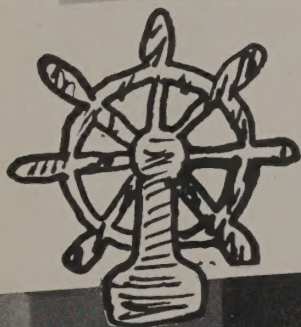
Mr. Murray is the highly capable superintendent of the Bluffton Schools. Although he is very busy with his many duties, he is always willing to give helpful advice to any student or other person who requests it. He has successfully headed B. H. S. since 1949.

He is a member of the American Association of School Administration, vice president of the Northwestern Ohio Association of School Administration, and other educational groups.

Pursuing his favorite hobbies, golf and gardening, he is president of the Bluffton Men's Garden Club and secretary-treasurer of the Summer Invitational Golf Club of Ohio School Men.

Besides his regular duties at school, he is advisor of the student patrol, school safety patrol.

A family man, Mr. Murray takes great interest in all community affairs, which is proven by his popularity in and around Bluffton. One of his main interests this year has been the planning of the new kindergarten and elementary school to be built this year.



PRINCIPAL GERHARD G. BUHLER



Mountain Lake Minnesota High School
1918

A.B. Bluffton College
M.A. University of Cincinnati

Having served in the Bluffton schools for many years, Mr. Buhler is a leader of long experience.

Besides undertaking his responsibilities as principal, he also teaches the subjects of general science and physics and advises the student senate and the National Honor Society at Bluffton High.

Mr. Buhler is a member of such organizations as: the Phi Kappa Honorary Fraternity; National Education Association; Ohio Education Association; and other local groups.

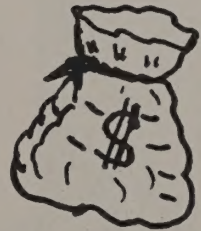
With a family of four children, Mr. Buhler has a busy home life. He enjoys such hobbies as electricity and traveling.

Board of Education and School Secretary Share Many Duties



A typical board meeting . . . CLOCKWISE: Bell, Burkholder, Stauffer—President, Murray, Travis—Vice President, Corson—Clerk. ABSENT: Marshall.

The board of education is responsible for the management of all school affairs, including finances, school improvements, school surveys, hiring of faculty and other school employees, and other such business.



Mrs. Vernal H. Corson, having taken over her job as school secretary this year, found much responsibility before her. However, she soon became accustomed to her work and has been very successful in fulfilling the requirements of her position.

She has added an extra cheerful addition to our school and has made many friends of the students and faculty.



Mrs. Corson at work in the office.

B. H. S. Faculty Ranks First in College Training

*What they teach—who they are—
where they've been educated*

Librarian
Library Instruction

Ocie Anderson

Greene County, Pennsylvania

B.S. Waynesburg College
B.S. in L.S. Western Reserve University



Agriculture-Farm Shop
Adult Farmer Education
F.F.A. Advisor
Assistant Senior Advisor

Lorain A. Basinger

Pandora, Ohio

B.S. Ohio State University
M.Sc. Ohio State University



Home Economics
F.H.A. Advisor

Margaret Diller

Bluffton, Ohio

B.S. Bluffton College



Commercial
Cutlass Advisor
Assistant Buccaneer Advisor

Florence R. Duffield

Van Buren, Ohio

B.S. Bowling Green University



Science
Senior Advisor
Assistant Buccaneer Advisor

Wilford O. Geiger

Bluffton, Ohio

Bluffton College
M.A. Ohio State University



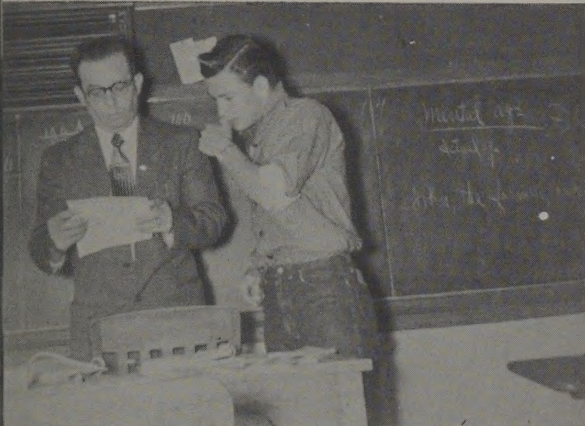
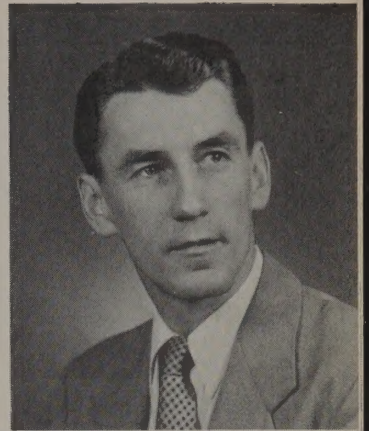
Among Ohio Exempted Village Schools



Mathematics
Driver Education
Basketball Coach
Assistant Football and Baseball Coach
Sophomore Advisor

Joe L. Harris
Rushsylvania, Ohio

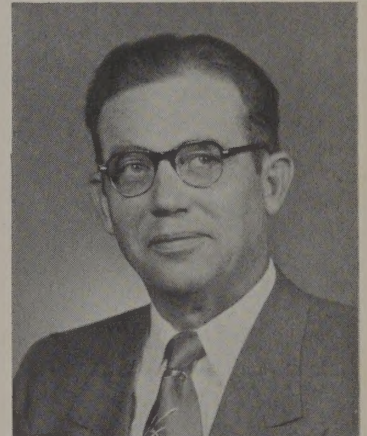
B.S. Miami University
M.A. Indiana University



Social Science
English
Freshman Advisor

Wilbur A. Howe
Hamilton, Ohio

B.A. Bluffton College
M.A. Ohio State University



English
Latin
Tri-Hi-Y Advisor
Seventh Grade Advisor

Mildred R. Keel
Pandora, Ohio

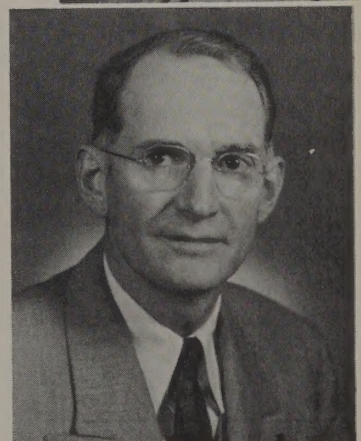
B.S. Ohio State University
M.A. Ohio State University



Mechanical Drawing
Industrial Arts
Buccaneer Advisor
Assistant Junior Advisor

Dean Kittle
Glouster, Ohio

B.S. Ohio University
M.S. Iowa State College



Vocal and Instrumental Music

Earl W. Lehman
Pandora, Ohio

B.S. Bluffton College
M.A. Ohio State University





Art
Speech
Hi-Y Advisor

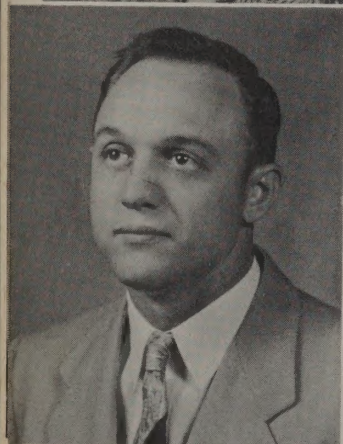
Darvin Luginbuhl
Bluffton, Ohio

B.A. Bluffton College



Girls' Physical Education
G.A.A. Advisor

Mrs. Katheryne Patterson
Bluffton High School
B.A. Bluffton College



Boys' Physical Education
Health
Mathematics
Football and Baseball Coach
Assistant Basketball Coach

Peter Schmidt
Bluffton, Ohio

B.S. Bowling Green University



Social Science
History
Eighth Grade Advisor

Theresa F. Slusser
Ada, Ohio

B.A. Bluffton College
M.A. Bowling Green University



Seventh and Eighth Grade Music
Elementary Music

Mrs. Elvira Suter
Bluffton, Ohio
B.A. Bluffton College



Many Unspoken Praises Have Gone to the Personnel

Mrs. Marie Stonehill, Mrs. Hazel Eversole prepared large quantities of food.

The Cafeteria Management

Mrs. Eversole and Mrs. Stonehill have done a fine job in preparing well-balanced and good-tasting meals to the hungry school group all year. They are both cooks of long experience and deserve the biggest of medals for the work they have done in the food department.



Oscar Zimmerman, Bus #4; Joseph Thompson, Bus #3; Herbert Reichenbach, Bus #2; Aaron Messinger, Bus #1; Francis Basinger, Bus #5. They brought the buses through in all kinds of weather.

The Bus Drivers

Everyone is aware of the great responsibility shared by these five men who drive buses full of children to their homes in this high school radius. These men have shown patience and capability throughout the year and are certainly commendable for the duty they have completed.



The Janitors

Mr. Bechtel and Mr. Herr have served as custodians in the high school for several years. The tasks they share are so numerous it would fill this entire page to enumerate them. Nevertheless, they've done the best of jobs and spent many hours keeping B.H.S. in "ship-shape." On hand as part-time custodian was Harry Gratz.

L. Wade Bechtel, R. Millard Herr did all kinds of odd jobs.





PRESIDENT
Rex Ervin Aukerman
"Auk"

Class President 4; Varsity B 1,2,3,4; Hi-Y 2;
Buccaneer Staff 3,4; Student Senate 4; Student
Patrol 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Baseball 2,3,4.



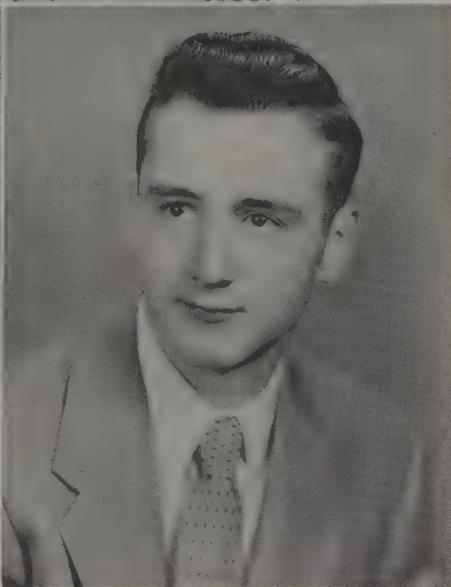
VICE PRESIDENT
Dean Ray Badertscher
"Weiner"

Class Vice President 4; Varsity B 2,3,4; Hi-Y 2;
Football 2,3,4.



SECRETARY
Peggy Sue Parish
"Peg"

Class Secretary 4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4;
Tri-Hi-Y 2,3,4; Buccaneer Staff 3,4; Cutlass Staff
4; Glee Club 1,2.



TREASURER
Ralf Edward Steiner
"Ralf"

Class Treasurer 4; Hi-Y 4.

Thirty-five Seniors Reach the Top

Seniors! It doesn't seem possible. Just six years ago, in September 1949, we invaded the halls of Bluffton High School. Everything was so new and different to us. The first week or so, we thought that three minutes was far too short a time to find our way to classes.

We then moved on to the eighth grade. We looked back at the new seventh graders, smiling at their mistakes and feeling pretty big and important, forgetting we had made the same mistakes the year before.

Then came our first year in high school. We were then responsible for making out our own schedules and taking the courses we wished. We were allowed to attend the high school dances and also participated in all the sports, music, and clubs open to us.

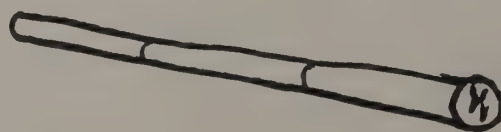
Our sophomore year brought our treasured class rings and the joining of two new clubs, Tri-Hi-Y and Hi-Y.

During our junior year, we were kept very, very busy. We had cookie sales all summer, a paper drive, sold Christmas wreaths, sold at ball games, and undertook many other projects. Our three one-act plays, "Butch", "Lonely Lady," and "The Ghost Wore White," were a big success. We were also hosts at the Junior-

Senior Prom. The prom theme was "Evening at the Stork Club," and we all pitched in to make it a prom the seniors would remember.

At last, we reached our highest step in B.H.S.—Seniors. All year, the thirty-five of us worked and planned for our big trip to Washington and New York. We had a magazine drive, presented our class play, "We Shook the Family Tree," and other projects for trip money. Then came graduation, followed by farewells to all our friends at school.

We have been the leaders at B.H.S. Now, we must look ahead to being leaders in our homes, communities, and perhaps, even our country. However no matter where we may go in the future, our lives have been greatly affected by our high school, from which we have gained many happy and unforgettable memories.



LOIS LOUISE AMSTUTZ
"Lu"

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Tri-Hi-Y 2,3,4; Cutlass Staff 3,4; Band 1,2,3,4, Vice Pres. 4; Orchestra 2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4, Vice Pres. 4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; Girls' Ensemble 1,2,3,4; Solo and Ensemble Contest 1,2,3,4; Class Play 3,4; Operetta 4.

MARY ANN BADERTSCHER
"Mary"

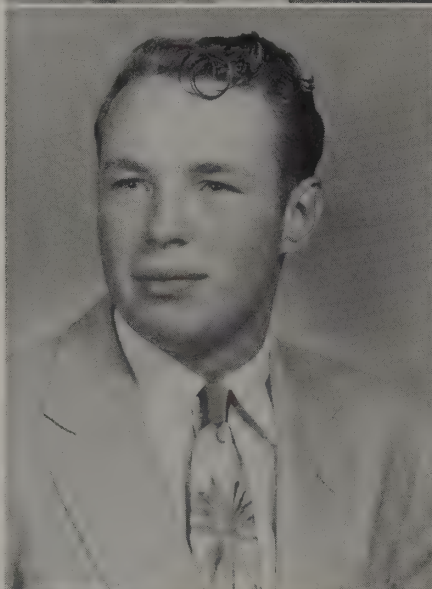
Class Secretary 3; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Tri-Hi-Y 2,3,4, Chaplain 4; Cutlass Staff 3,4; Scholarship Test 2,3.

FREDERICK HARLOW BASINGER
"Fred"

Varsity B 1,2; Hi-Y 2; Football 1,2,4.

ELLEN RAE BALMER
"EJ"

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4, Ensemble 4; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4, Vice Pres. 4; Tri-Hi-Y 2,3,4; Marching Band 3,4; Glee Club 1,3,4; Mixed Chorus 3,4; Class Play 4.



SAUNDRA JEANNE BERRY
"Sandy"

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4, Parliamentarian 3, Reporter 2; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Tri-Hi-Y 2,3,4; Buccaneer Staff 4; Cutlass Staff 2; Student Patrol 4; Band 1,2,3,4, President 4; Orchestra 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4, Secretary 4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4, Sec.-Treas. 3, Vice Pres. 4; Girls' Ensemble 1,2,3,4; Solo and Ensemble Contest 1,2,3,4; Delegate to Buckeye Girls' State 3; Operetta Accompanist 2,3,4; Class Play 3.

PAUL FRANKLIN FRITCHIE
"Fritch"

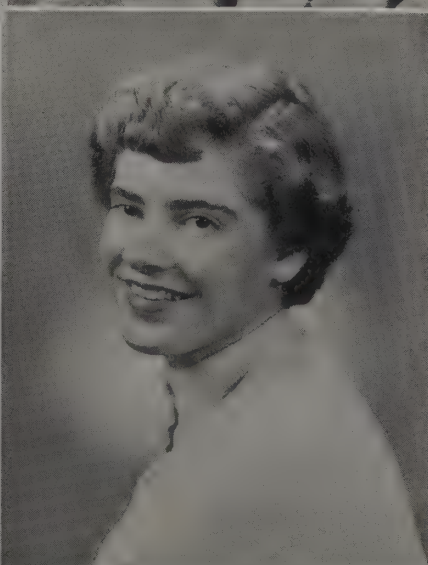
Varsity B 3; Hi-Y 2; Band 1; Glee Club 1,2; Baseball 1,2,3.

ELEANOR JEAN BIXEL
"Jeannie"

Class Secretary 3; F.H.A. 4; Tri-Hi-Y 4; Band 1,2,3,4, Sec. 3; Orchestra 3,4, Vice Pres. 4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 2,3,4; Scholarship Team 1,2,3; Senior Scholarship Test 4; Intramural 1,2,3.

JANET IRENE CRIBLEZ
"Jan"

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Tri-Hi-Y 2,3,4; Glee Club 1.



JOYCE ANN DILLER
"Joyce"

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4, Treas. 4; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4.



PATRICIA ANN GAIFFE
"Pat"

F.H.A. 1,2,3; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Tri-Hi-Y 2,3,4;
Glee Club 1; Class Play 3.

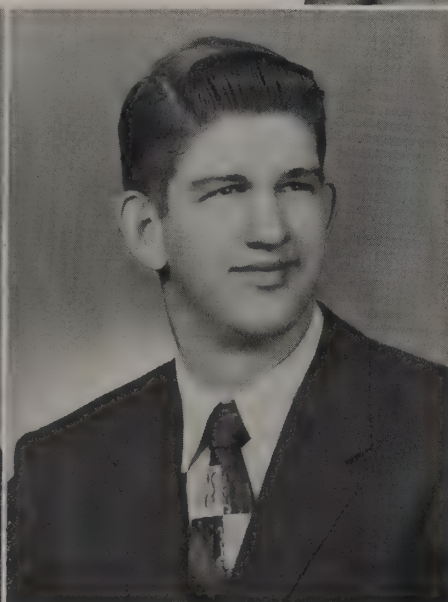
DONALD EUGENE KIMMET
"Don"

Class President 2; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4, Treas. 2,
Pres. 3,4; Varsity B 2,3,4, Sec.-Treas. 4; Cutlass
Staff 4; Student Senate 2,3,4, Pres. 4; Glee
Club 2,3,4, Librarian 3; Mixed Chorus 2,3,4;
Football 4, Manager 2; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Track
2; Senior Scholarship Test 4; Operetta 2,3,4;
Class Play 3,4.



IRLENE SUE GIERMAN
"Irlene"

Class Secretary 1; Tri-Hi-Y 2,3,4; Cutlass Staff
2,3,4; Student Patrol 4; Band 1,2,3,4, Librarian
4; Orchestra 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Mixed
Chorus 1,2,3,4; Girls' Ensemble 1,2,3,4; Mixed
Quartet 3,4; Solo and Ensemble Contest 1,2,
3,4; All State String Orchestra 4; Regional
Orchestra 2,3,4; Assembly Committee 3; Prince
of Peace Declamation Contest 4; Operetta
2,3,4; Class Play 3,4.



KARIN ANDREA HAUENSTEIN
"Freckles"

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; G.A.A. 4; Tri-Hi-Y 2,3,4, Treas. 3; Bucca-
neer Staff 4; Cutlass Staff 3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Glee Club
1,2,3,4, Pres. 4; Mixed Chorus 4; Assembly Committee 1;
Homecoming Attendant 4; Class Play 3,4.

FREDERICK THORNTON LAURIAT, JR.
"Thorne"

Class President 3; Varsity B 2,3,4, Vice Pres. 4; Hi-Y 2,3,4,
Vice Pres. 3, Chaplain 4; Buccaneer Staff 3; Student
Senate 2,3,4; Student Patrol 3,4, Captain 4; Honor
Society 3,4, Sec.-Treas. 4; Band 1,2,3,4, Vice Pres. 3;
Orchestra 1,2,3,4, Librarian 4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Mixed
Chorus 1,2,3,4; Mixed Quartet 3,4; Solo and Ensemble
Contest 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Assembly Committee
4; Delegate to Buckeye Boys' State 3; Scholarship Test
1,4; Prince of Peace Declamation Contest 4; Operetta
2,3,4; Class Play 3,4.

SALLYANN BARBARA HILTY
"Sal"

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4, Sec. 4, Ensemble 4; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Tri-
Hi-Y 2,3,4; Cutlass Staff 4; Band 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,
3,4; Mixed Chorus 3,4; F.F.A. Sweetheart 3,4; Class
Play 3.

JOANN HURSEY
"Jo"

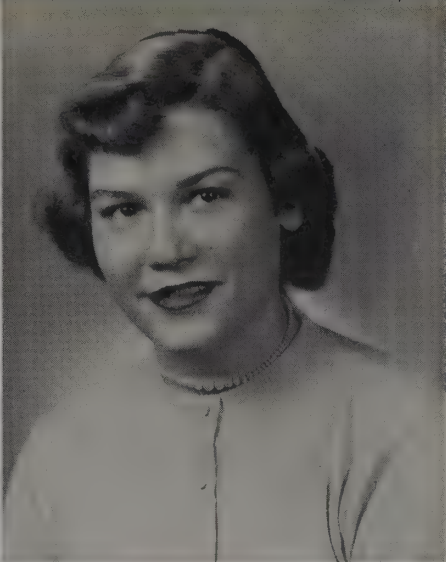
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Band 2,3,4; Orchestra 2,3; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Mixed
Chorus 1,2,3,4; Girls' Ensemble 1,2,3,4; Solo and En-
semble Contest 1,2,3,4; Class Play 3.





WILMA JEAN JORG
"Wilma"

Cutlass Staff 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Orchestra 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; Girls' Ensemble 1,2,3,4; Mixed Quartet 3,4; Solo and Ensemble Contest 1,2,3,4; Regional Orchestra 2,3; All State Orchestra 2,3; All State String Orchestra 4; Scholarship Test 1; Operetta Cast 3,4; Class Play 3.



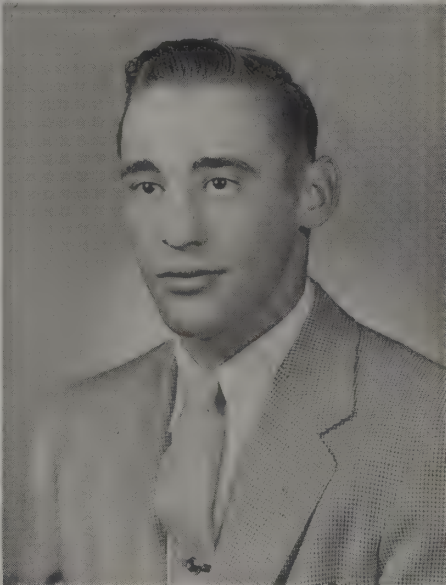
NANCY ANN JOSEPH
"Nancy"

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; G.A.A. 1,2,3; Tri-Hi-Y 2,3,4; Glee Club 1.



NANCY JANE KING
"Nancy"

Class Secretary 2; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; G.A.A. 2,3,4; Tri-Hi-Y 2,3,4, Vice Pres. 3, Pres. 4; Cutlass Staff 3,4; Student Senate 4; Marching Band 3; Orchestra 1,2,3; Glee Club 1,2,3, Sec.-Treas. 3; Scholarship Test 2; Prince of Peace Contest 4.



JAMES RAY MATTER
"Jim"

F.F.A. 1,2,3,4, Sentinel 3, Vice Pres. 4; F.F.A. County Council 3,4; Varsity B 1,2,3,4; Hi-Y 2,3,4; Cutlass Staff 1,3; Student Senate 4; Band 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,4, Pres. 4; Football 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Class Play 3,4.

DAVID LEE STEINER
"Pete"

Varsity B 1,2,3,4; Hi-Y 2; Basketball 1,2; Baseball 1,2,4.

ANITA LOUISE KLASSEN
"Nita"

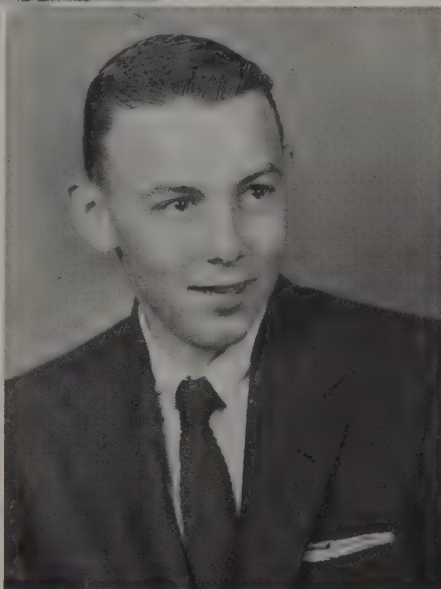
G.A.A. 1,2,3,4, Pres. 4; Tri-Hi-Y 2,3; Buccaneer Staff 4; Cutlass Staff 4; Student Senate 4, Concession Manager 4; Band 1,2,3,4; Orchestra 1,2,3,4, Sec. 4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; Girls' Ensemble 1,2,3,4; Solo and Ensemble Contest 1,2,3,4; Regional Orchestra 2,3,4; Class Play 3.

LILYETTE SUE MONTGOMERY
"Susie"

Class Vice President 1; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4, Regional Vice Pres. 3; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Tri-Hi-Y 2,3,4, Sec. 4; Buccaneer Staff 3,4, Assistant Editor 3, Editor 4; Student Senate 4, Vice Pres. 4; Band 2,3,4; Orchestra 2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4, Librarian 4; Girls' Ensemble 1,2,3,4; Solo and Ensemble Contest 1,2,3,4; Homecoming Attendant 4; Scholarship Test 1,2,3,4; Operetta 2,4; Class Play 3,4.

NORA ELLEN PRETO
"Norrie"

Class President 1; F.H.A. 1,2,3; Vice Pres. 2, Pres. 3; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Tri-Hi-Y 2,3,4; Buccaneer Staff 1,2; Cutlass Staff 1,2; Student Senate 1,3; Glee Club 1; Reserve Cheerleader 1; Varsity Cheerleader 2,3, Cheer Master 3; Class Play 3,4.





ROBERT EUGENE STEINER
"Bob"

Class Treasurer 2; Hi-Y 2,3,4, Pres. 4; Buccaneer Staff 3; Cutlass Staff 3,4; Student Senate 4; Student Patrol 4; Band 1,2,3,4, Librarian 2; Orchestra 1,2,3,4, Librarian 4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4, Vice Pres. 4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4, Librarian 3; Solo and Ensemble Contest 1,2,3,4; Prince of Peace Contest 4; Class Play 3,4; Operetta 4.



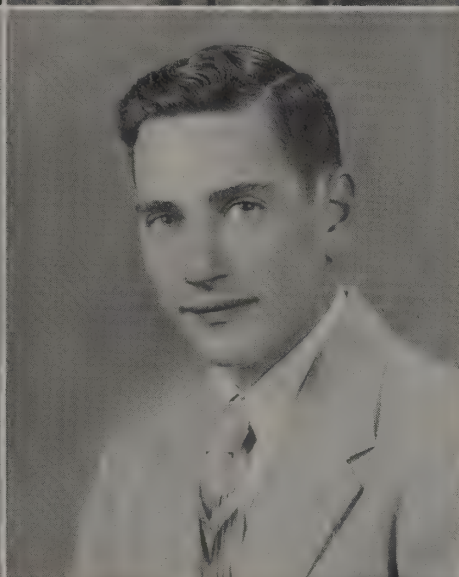
JANICE LEE SKIDMORE
"Jan"

F.H.A. 2,3,4, Ensemble 4, Song Leader 4; Tri-Hi-Y 4; Marching Band 4; Orchestra 1; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; Girls' Ensemble 1,2,3,4; Solo and Ensemble Contest 1,2,3,4; Operetta 3,4; Class Play 3.



DOROTHY FAYE STRATTON
"Dottie"

Class Vice Pres. 3; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Tri-Hi-Y 2,3,4; Cutlass Staff 2,3,4, Assistant Editor 3, Editor 4; Student Senate 4; Marching Band 1,2,3,4, Head Majorette 2,3; Orchestra 1,2,3; Glee Club 1,2,3,4, Librarian 1; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3,4; Girls' Ensemble 1,2,3,4; Solo and Ensemble Contest 1,2,3,4; National Honor Society 3,4, Pres. 4; Mixed Ensemble 2; Student Handbook Editor 3; Scholarship Test 2,3,4; Class Play 3,4; Operetta 4.



GERALD DUANE YOAKAM
"Jerry"

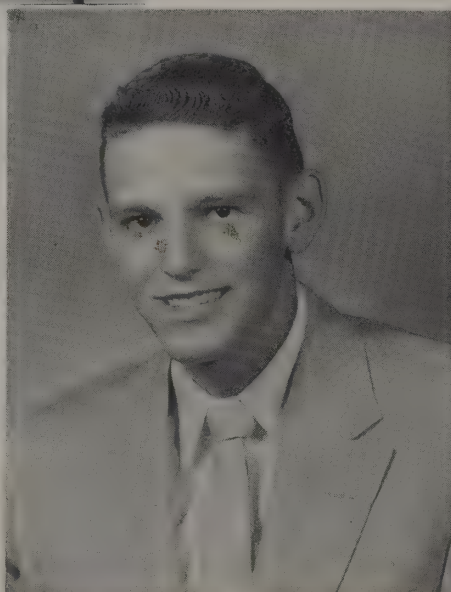
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DENVER JUNIOR ZIMMERLY
"Zim"

Class Treasurer 3; Varsity B 2,3,4, Pres. 4; Hi-Y 2,3,4; Buccaneer Staff 4; Student Senate 4; Football 2,3,4; Basketball 1,2.

DAWN ELAINE TRIPLEHORN
"Dawn"

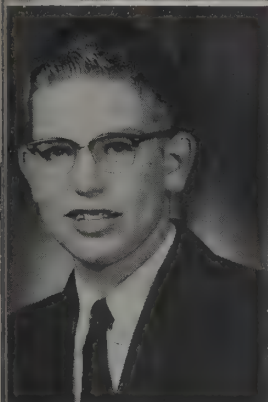
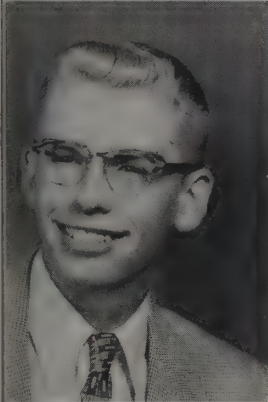
F.H.A. 1,2,3; G.A.A. 1,2,3; Tri-Hi-Y 2,3; Homecoming Queen 4.



LOREEN ALICE TOEWS
"Lorry"

G.A.A. 4; Tri-Hi-Y 4; Glee Club 4; Mixed Chorus 4; Prince of Peace Declamation Contest 4.





Jean Kempf
President

Paul Glaze
Vice President

Bret Triplett
Secretary

Barry Corson
Treasurer

Juniors Occupied with Boosting Class Funds

Like most junior classes, the class of '56 was in a busy whirl earning money to meet their many expenses. The big project of the year was the prom, for which the juniors play hosts to the seniors.

They used various methods to boost their treasury, such as cookie sales and the junior play, "Papa was a Preacher," which proved a great success.

The juniors are active in all the school functions, showing promise as the school leaders of 1956.



Juniors in study hall—everyone found it hard to study on hot days.



Juniors in typing thought the eye seemed quicker than the fingers.'



Working on the play scenery was messy but fun. Nonnamaker, Basinger.



Junior boys discussing current events in the hall was a common sight.

Forty-three in

Ned Althaus

Annabelle Amstutz

Marlin Amstutz

Denise Badertscher

Darlene Bechtel

Robert Badertscher

Jeannine Benroth

Jacqueline Berry

Beulah Bixel

Shirley Burry

Kay Clauss



Juniors hard at work in the chemistry lab.

Shirley Deifendeifer

Richard Basinger

Norma Frankhauser

James Berry

Frank Chamberlain

Rebecca Frankhauser

Ronald Chidester

Jean Frick

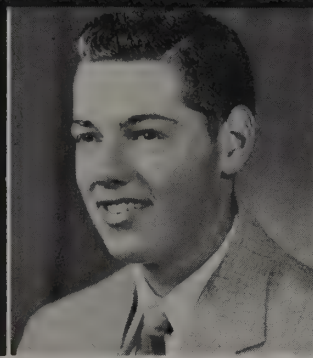
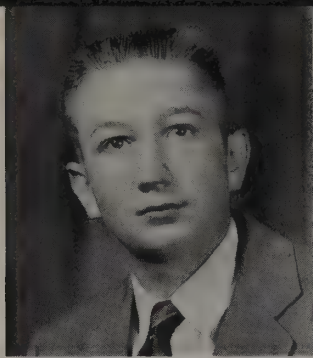
Junior Class

Jan Conrad

Shirley Galloway

Raymond Cummins

Carolyn Garmatter

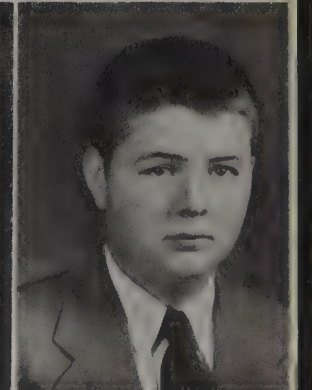
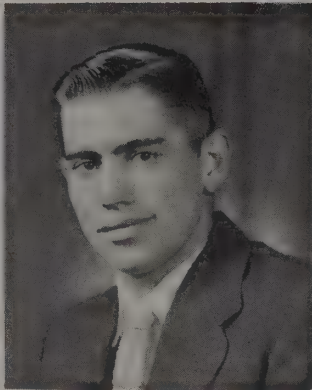


Rachel Garmatter

Jack Fields

Dorothy Herr

Robert Green



Ann Hilty

Carol Moser



Loretta Nonnamaker

Sally Reichenbach



Juniors conferring in typing class.

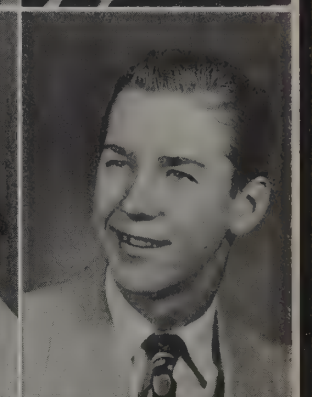
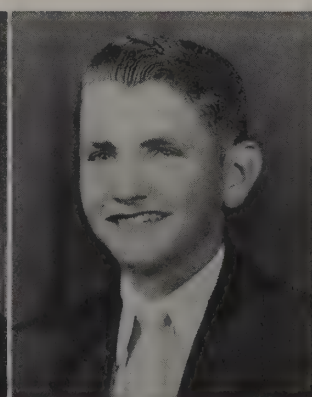


Lora Triplehorn

Dale Hochstettler

Sharon Wahlie

James Laycock

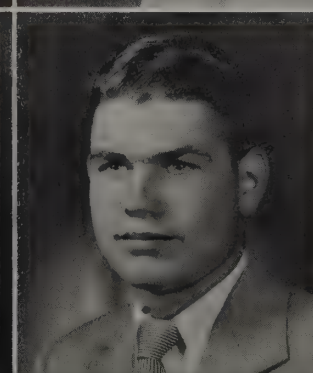
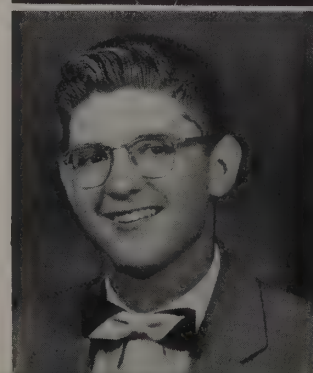


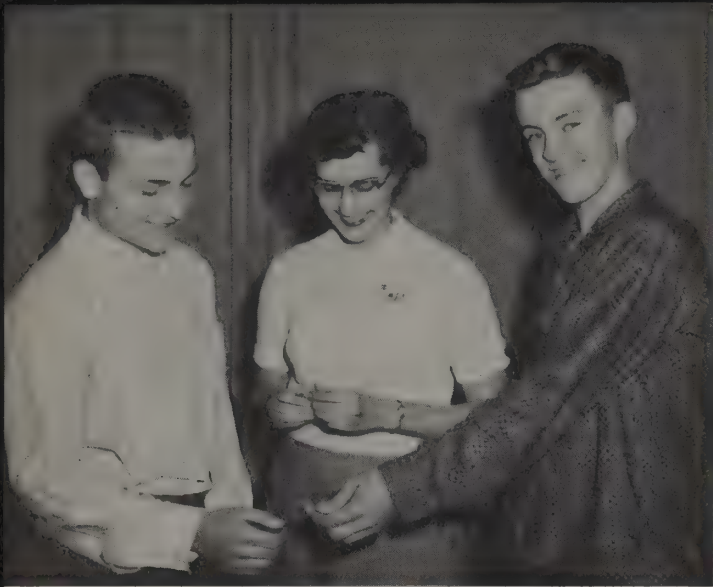
Ronald Lora

Karen Zimmerman

Wade Moser

Sherry Zimmerman





Triplett, Diller, Herr.

Sophomores Purchase Their Cherished Class Rings

The class of 1957 looked forward to the important event of the sophomore year, purchasing of their class rings. These will be worn for years to come as a remembrance of B.H.S.

Guided by Mr. Harris, they took part in such clubs as Tri-Hi-Y and Hi-Y. There were several musicians in band, orchestra, and the glee clubs. Three girls were chosen majorettes and one as a varsity cheerleader.

President William Herr
 Vice President Mary Jo Diller
 Secretary-Treasurer Bruce Triplett
 Advisor Joe Harris

Sophomore biology class



ROW ONE: Ulrich, Kaufman, Augsburger, Gierman, Geiger, Galloway, K. Basinger, Steiner, Lehman, Leiber, Triplett.
 ROW TWO: Balmer, Tschantz, Walker, Core, V. Moser, Risser, Gerber, Schmidt, Koontz, Bucher, Parish.
 ROW THREE: G. Basinger, M. J. Diller, J. Badertscher, Schiffke, M. Diller, King, Hahn, Bixel, Jorg, Shumaker.
 ROW FOUR: D. Badertscher, Gleason, Alspach, Geiser, L. Moser, Garmatter, Lora, Herr, Triplehorn.
 MISSING: May.



Freshmen Become Full-Fledged Members of B. H. S.

With 32 members and Mr. Howe as advisor, the freshman class passed from junior high to senior high school successfully. They were able to make their choice of subjects and to join the high school organizations such as the following: F.H.A., F.F.A., G.A.A., Varsity B, and Student Senate. Some of the fellows were members of the football and basketball squads. Many members joined the glee clubs and other music organizations.

With dues two dollars, the freshmen looked ahead to the time when they will need large class funds in order to take their senior trip and meet the expenses they will have.



Schiffke, Reichenbach, Petrucelli.

Freshmen gathering for English class.



President Lynn Schiffke
Vice President Ralph Reichenbach
Secretary-Treasurer Patricia Petrucelli
Advisor Mr. Howe

ROW ONE: J. Montgomery, Moser, Kimmet, May, Stauffer, Sprunger, Conrad, Henderson, King.
ROW TWO: Rachel Devier, Hilty, Bauman, Rae Ann Devier, Badertscher, Deifendeifer, Irwin, Traucht.
ROW THREE: Burkholder, N. Montgomery, Wiley, Gratz, Weiss, Schiffke, Badertscher.
ROW FOUR: Edinger, Burry, Reichenbach, Greiner, Kohli, Diller, Edwards.
MISSING: Petrucelli, Hartman, Herr.





ROW ONE: Little, Zimmerman, Berry, R. Frankhauser, Zimmerly, Edie, Kibele, Herr, Johnson, Hochstettler.
 ROW TWO: Badertscher, Stratton, Crawfis, Jordan, S. Hauenstein, J. Frankhauser, Geiger, P. Basinger, Hampton, D. Hauenstein.
 ROW THREE: Kaufman, Shetler, Alspach, Steiner, Swank, Ulrich, Diller, Heinselman, Luginbill.
 ROW FOUR: Moser, D. Basinger, Niswander, Mumma, Lewis, Mathewson, Smucker, Habegger, Huber.

Eighth Graders Spend Last Year in Junior High

With the addition of two new members, Nancy Heinselman and Gordon Mathewson, the eighth grade boasted thirty-eight members.

During the year they were active in all organizations open to them, such as 4-H, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, football, basketball, and music organizations.

Since their entrance to B.H.S., they have become accustomed to high school life and are looking forward to next year when they can participate in more of the organizations and will be full-fledged members of Bluffton High.

President	Laura Diller
Vice President	Judith Frankhauser
Secretary-Treasurer	Susan Hauenstein
Reporter	Larry Smucker
Advisor	Miss Slusser



Eighth grade girls have a gab-fest.
 Kibele, Johnson, Shetler, Zimmerly, Crawfis.

Smucker, Diller, Frankhauser, Hauenstein.



Fifty-eight Seventh Graders Enter Bluffton High

One of the largest classes in the last few years, the seventh grade wasted no time getting into the swing of things around the school. They took part in various activities. The boys were active in junior high football and basketball, boy scouts, and 4-H. The girls participated in girl scouts and 4-H. Some were members of the senior band, junior band, and the orchestra.

With Miss Keel and Mr. Luginbuhl as their home-room teachers, they successfully embarked on their new adventure into high school. They became accustomed to going to different classes and study hall, attending weekly assemblies, participating in physical education and high school sports, and the other functions which were not present in grade school.

President.....	Beverly Benroth
Vice President.....	Keith Baker
Secretary-Treasurer.....	Sandra Diller
Reporter.....	Betty Stratton
Advisor.....	Miss Keel

ROW ONE: Gaiffe, V. Basinger, Amstutz, Mullet, Mumma, B. Benroth, Hall, Triplehorn, Anderson, S. Diller.

ROW TWO: Bash, Hartman, Baumgartner, Bixel, K. Zimmerly, Stratton, Lewis, Houts, C. Patterson, Jordon, R. Zimmerly, D. Benroth.

ROW THREE: R. Basinger, Nusbaum, Burkholder, Core, Preto, Schmutz, N. Patterson, D. Reichenbach, Schiffke, Deerkake, Tschiegg.

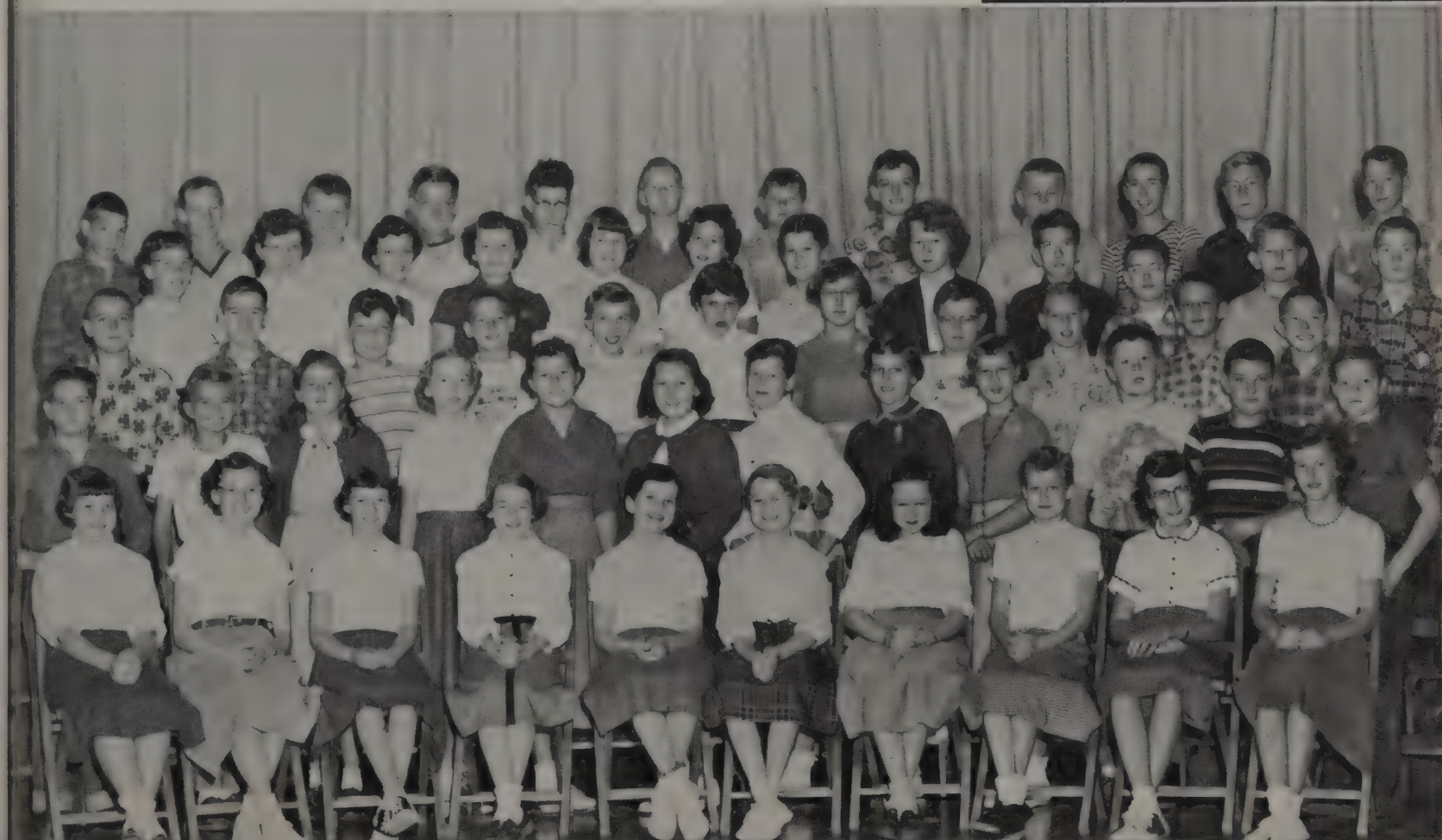
ROW FOUR: Dillman, Luginbuhl, Hochstettler, Gerber, Clauss, Geiger, K. Basinger, S. Reichenbach, Marshall, Hilty, Edinger, Kimmet.

ROW FIVE: Swank, Carpenter, R. Reichenbach, Ebersole, Baker, Huff, Herr, M. Diller, Davies, Emmert, Zimmerman, Luginbuhl.



School's out for this group of seventh graders.

Diller, Benroth, Baker.



Camera in the Classroom



Discussion period in sophomore home economics class.



Students gathering for fourth period English class.



Energetic bookkeeping class.



Farm shop boys full of vim.



Eighth grade science students surround Mr. Geiger for added assistance.



Pie-baking day in home economics lab.



Organizations Map
Pirate travels

Pirates Log

SEPTEMBER—"just climbing on deck"

- 7—School doors fling open to 248 eager(?) students.
- 8—Tri-Hi-Y starts off year with a yummy picnic.
- 10—Football preview here results in draw for Bluffton and Vanlue.
- 14—BUCCANEER staff meets to confer about 1955 book.
- 16—First assembly—officers of organizations give run-downs on their '55 plans.
- 17—High spirits shown at first pep meeting—rah! rah!
- 20—F.H.A. entertains new members with a picnic and initiation. (Freshmen really get initiated!)
- 27—Varsity B's first meeting.
- 29—Hi-Y's first meeting of the year.

OCTOBER—"setting sail for studies and fun"

- 12—Home Ec. classes visit LaChoy Foods Plant and Luginbuhl slaughter (gulp) house at Archbold.
- 13—Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y induction service.
- 20—A fall banquet is held at Legion Hall by the F.H.A. and F.F.A.
- 22—Homecoming—Spencerville mauled by the Pirates—a sweet queen—and an elegant dance made the festivities "the most."
- 22—First Cutlass brings great excitement to all.
- 28—Everyone in a daze—**Two** assemblies in **one** week.

NOVEMBER—"Thanksgiving—for our school"

- 1-5—National F.H.A. Week.
- 3—Hawaiian musicians gave us an assembly with a foreign flavor.
- 7—Speech class members take part in Prince of Peace Contest.
- 11—Armistice Day. School dismissed for the day.
- 12—Football season ends with a tough loss to Forest.
- 19—F.H.A. sponsors a Sadie Hawkins party all "fittin tha okashun."
- 23—Bluffton defeats Spencerville at first basketball game.
- 25-26—Thanksgiving vacation.

DECEMBER—"Landed at Christmas Island"

- 2—G.A.A. girls have a swimming party at the Findlay Y.
- 11—High school athletes are guests of the college.
- 15—F.H.A. travels to Allen Co. Children's Home.
- 20—Music Department presents a Christmas program.
- 23—Christmas vacation begins.
- 23—Speech class presents the play, "Lessons from Luke."



of Year's Events

JANUARY—"Pirate yearbooks go on sale"

- 3—Faculty and student body return to school.
- 3—Columbus Grove Tri-Hi-Y plays host to our club.
- 11—Rev. King talks on the U.N. and the Juniors present skit of their play in assembly.
- 11-12—Juniors have a successful play, "Papa was a Preacher."
- 21—School dismissed at noon so the teachers could grade exams and record grades. Those poor teachers . . .
- 24—BUCCANEERS go on sale at \$3 each.
- 26—Speech class presents two one-act plays. "Three on a Bench" and "Ladies of the Mop."
- 29—Six seniors take General Scholarship Test for High School Seniors in Lima.

FEBRUARY—"Let's be Valentines"

- 9—"The Choraliers" from the college sang for us in assembly.
- 16—Tri-Hi-Y entertains students with annual Sweetheart dance.
- 19—Tournaments begin.
- 22—Washington's birthday. No school for a change.
- 21-25—National F.F.A. week.

MARCH—"March winds catch the ship sails"

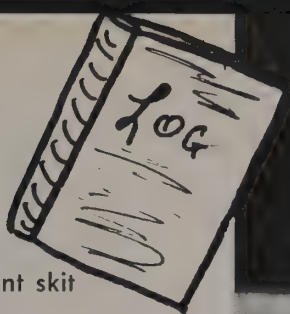
- 15—Roman banquet. Everything in Roman style.
- 25—G.A.A. and Varsity B give a party for the school.

APRIL—"Nearing port"

- 1-2—H.S. operetta, "Babes in Toyland."
- 8-11—Easter vacation.
- 13—Tri-Hi-Y gave spaghetti supper for members of the club.
- 23—Band, orchestra, and chorus state finals.

MAY—"Casting anchor—farewell to senior shipmates"

- 4—Tri-Hi-Y May breakfast.
- 6—Junior Senior Prom. Juniors use theme: "Moonlight and Roses."
- 13-14—Senior class presents humorous play, "We Shook the Family Tree."
- 20—High school music department gives Spring Concert.
- 22—Baccalaureate Service.
- 26—Commencement Service.
- 27—Last day of school. Everybody's happy!

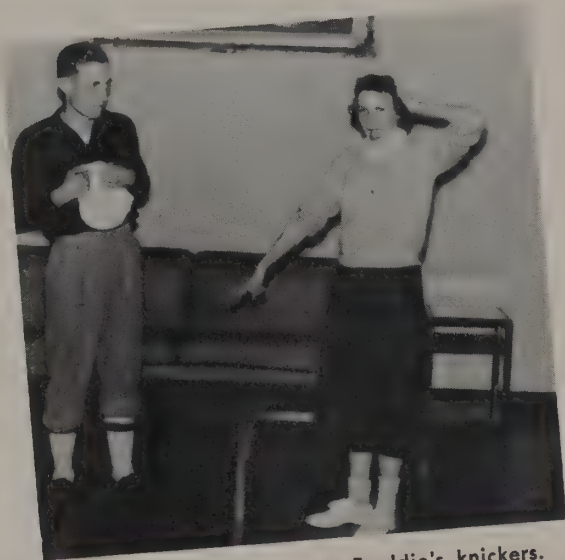


Seniors Present their Class Play

"We Shook the Family Tree" is the story of some typical teenagers, centering around Hildegard Dolson, who finds herself without a date for the prom. Many laughable and complicated difficulties arise when Hildegard is arranged a date with Freddie, who is ridiculed because his mother makes him wear knickers. However, everything works out for the couple in the end, when Freddie manages to break from his parents' rule and arrives for the dance in a new suit—with long pants.



Play Cast



Hildegard is alarmed at Freddie's knickers.



Paige, little neighborhood "monster," is accused of mailing Mother's love letters.



The Dolsons and Shermers view Freddie's knickers.

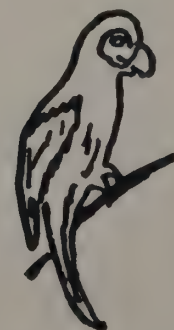


Bob tackles Mr. Shermer, mistaking him for Freddie.

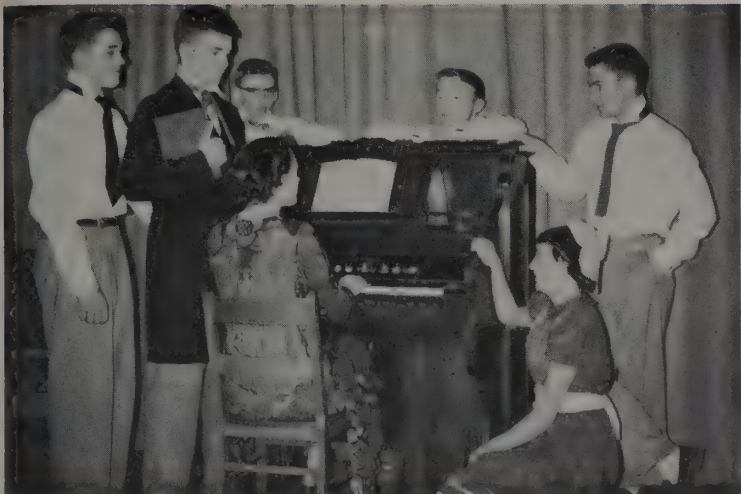
Directed by Darwin Luginbuhl

THE CAST

Hildegard.....	Karin Hauenstein
Mr. Dolson.....	Thorne Lauriat
Mrs. Dolson.....	Irlene Gierman
Sally.....	Dorothy Stratton
Bob.....	Jerry Yoakam
Jimmy.....	Robert Steiner
Paige.....	Ellen Balmer
Ellie May.....	Sue Montgomery
Jill.....	Nora Preto
Freddie Shermer.....	Don Kimmet
Mr. Shermer.....	James Matter
Mrs. Shermer.....	Lois Amstutz



"Papa Was a Preacher" Presented By Juniors



The family poses around the old organ, the most outstanding prop.

On January 11 and 12, the juniors presented their humorous three act play. The play centers around the Porter family: Papa, Mama, and their six children. Miss Jones, a spinster of the church, is constantly finding fault with the Porter children — Alyene's roller skating and Shakespeare, Jeanette and her boyfriend's trumpeting, Cecil's dancing the "buzzard-lope," the boy's girlfriend troubles, and practically everything the children do. However, the play ends happily with Mama and Papa's wedding anniversary, to the tune of old-fashioned organ music.



Lucy and Jenny Smith surprise the boys by remodeling themselves to gain the fellows' affections.

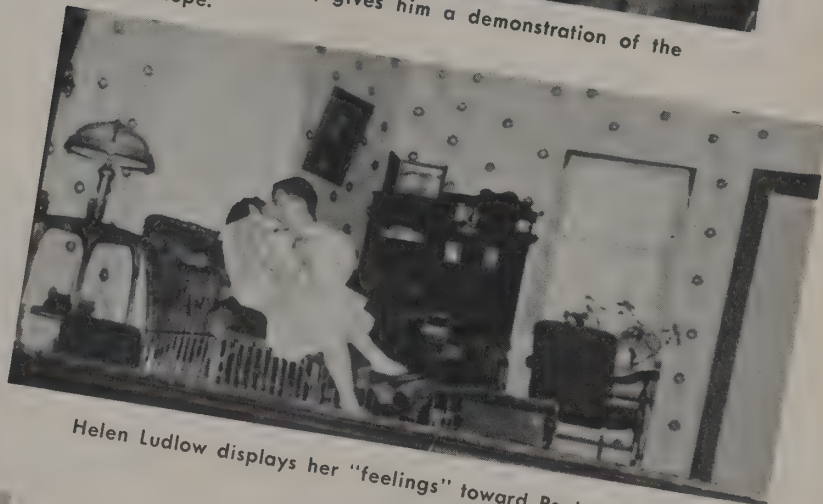


The play ends with Papa and Mama Porter's repeating their wedding vows on their anniversary.



Directed by Darwin Luginbuhl

Jeff Cole, Cecil's friend, gives him a demonstration of the "buzzard-lope."



Helen Ludlow displays her "feelings" toward Raybon Porter.

THE CAST

Edwin Porter.....	Bret Triplett
Pearl Porter.....	Sally Reichenbach
Hugh Porter.....	Ronnie Chidester
Cecil Porter.....	Paul Glaze
Raybon Porter.....	Jim Berry
Jeanette Porter.....	Lora Triplehorn
Ed Porter.....	Richard Basinger
Alyene Porter.....	Denise Badertscher
Helen Ludlow.....	Shirley Galloway
Lucy Smith.....	Jean Frick
Jenny Smith.....	Shirley Burry
Jeffery Cole.....	Barry Corson
Miss Jones.....	Loretta Nonnamaker
Bride.....	Kay Clauss
Groom.....	James Fisher

COMMITTEES

PUBLICITY AND TICKETS—Ann Hilty (chairman), Raymond Cummins, Jacqueline Berry, Rebecca Frankhauser.
 USHERS—Rachel Garmatter (chairman), Karen Zimmerman, Carolyn Garmatter, Sharon Wahlie.
 COSTUMES—Beulah Bixel, Annabelle Amstutz.
 STAGE—Jack Fields (chairman), Frank Chamberlain.

It's All Yours



ROW ONE: Chamberlain, Business; Nonnamaker, Art; Montgomery, Editor; J. Berry, Asst. Editor; Cummins, Photography; Frankhauser, Art.
ROW TWO: Reichenbach, Asst. Photography; Klassen, Classes; Hauenstein, Seniors; Parish, Society; S. Berry, Music.
ROW THREE: Glaze, Sports; Zimmerly, Asst. Business; Aukerman, Asst. Business; Yoakam, Asst. Photography.

To the Reader:

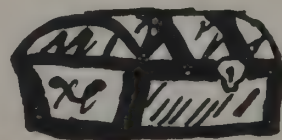
Yours, is this 1955 BUCCANEER. You may keep it for years as a memory book.

It was a busy staff that finished the last few pages of the BUCCANEER and sent them along to the printer. The staff was proud, too, to think that they had put together an annual that would fall into many eager hands, hands whose owners would be the judges of whether or not the 1955 BUCCANEER is a good one.

The staff sincerely hopes that this 1955 BUCCANEER will be treasured by its owners. When you open the pages and read through, seeing yourself and your friends in the photographs and recalling the many events of the year, try to think of the staff and advisors who spent their time and effort to make this book possible.

Chamberlain, Klassen.
Two staff members preparing the Buccaneer basketball concession stand.

Berry, Asst. Editor; Montgomery, Editor.



School Paper Brings the News



ROW ONE: Gierman, Jorg, R. Steiner, Bechtel, D. Stratton, Moser, N. Steiner, Basinger.

ROW TWO: King, Badertscher, B. Stratton, Tschantz, Schmidt, Triplehorn, Amstutz, Gratz.

ROW THREE: Clauss, A. Hilty, Herr, Klassen, Hauenstein, S. Hilty, P. Parish, Smucker.

ROW FOUR: Gerber, Bucher, Yoakam, Kimmet, Triplett, Diller, Glaze.

Members of the Cutlass staff are always plagued with the question, "When's the Cutlass coming out?" This question represents the desire of the school to enjoy reading this paper of their own making. For the students make the news with which the Cutlass is filled.

Onto the four pages of the Cutlass are printed the latest news and events, sports and club reports, chatter and gossip columns, in general, the most readable information possible.

The staff works hard to compile the school paper, so keep boosting them in the future!



Moser, Stratton, Bechtel.
Ready to hand out Cutlasses "hot off the press."

Bechtel, Asst. Editor; Stratton, Editor.





ROW ONE: Preto, E. Balmer, Gaiffe, Stratton, Geiger, Basinger, E. Galloway, S. Galloway, Moser, Steiner, L. Amstutz.

ROW TWO: A. Amstutz, Frick, Burry, King, Augsburg, M. Gierman, I. Gierman, M. Badertscher, S. Parish, Bucher, J. Berry, S. Hilty, Benroth.

ROW THREE: Herr, Clauss, R. Frankhauser, J. Badertscher, Diller,

Walker, Zimmerman, B. Bixel, Schifke, Wahlie, Gerber.

ROW FOUR: Toews, P. Parish, Cribblez, Bechtel, Schmidt, Tschantz, Skidmore, S. Berry, Triplehorn, Joseph.

ROW FIVE: A. Balmer, Montgomery, Hauenstein, E. Bixel, Reichenbach, Hursey, N. Frankhauser, Nonnamaker, A. Hilty, Risser.

Tri-Hi-Y Stresses "Pure Thoughts, Pure Words, Pure Actions"

In Tri-Hi-Y, sophomore, junior, and senior girls work together to "create, maintain, and extend, throughout the home, school, and community, high standards of Christian character", which is the purpose of the Tri-Hi-Y and Hi-Y clubs, affiliated with the YMCA.

A year of profitable learning and fun was enjoyed by the Tri-Hi-Y. Many interesting occasions were enjoyed, including: the joint induction with the Hi-Y, special speakers, attending Camp Nelson Dodd Training Camp for officers, meeting with the Columbus Grove Tri-Hi-Y, attending district conferences at Lima and Bowling Green, the annual Sweetheart week and dance, presentation of a school assembly program, and many other outstanding activities.

The Tri-Hi-Y tries ever to create the desire and presence of Christian growth in the hearts of its members, and each year works toward the Honor Club award which it has gained every year since its institution in B.H.S.

President..... Nancy King
Vice President..... Jacqueline Berry
Secretary..... Sue Montgomery
Treasurer..... Sally Reichenbach
Chaplain..... Mary Badertscher
Advisor..... Miss Keel

Badertscher, King, Berry, Montgomery, Reichenbach.

Glimpse of a typical Tri-Hi-Y meeting.



Boys' Hi-Y Groups Strives for Christian Ideals

The Hi-Y is a brother organization of the Tri-Hi-Y. All sophomore, junior, and senior boys who are interested in bettering their characters are given an invitation to join the Hi-Y each year.

The boys enjoyed many interesting activities. Two boys represented Bluffton at Camp Nelson Dodd in the summer. There, they learned about the preparation of meetings and interesting programs, which they brought back for use in the club. Thorne Lauriat was chosen district chaplain.

The club had various types of programs. They sponsored a school party and other social affairs. They presented the film: "Nature Had It First" for a school assembly. Some educational and entertaining meetings were held, with guest speakers, films, and other types of programs. The Hi-Y has been working to gain in membership. It is hoped that boys in the future will give their best support to this worthwhile organization.



Glaze, Steiner, Lauriat, Corson.

President.....	Robert Steiner
Vice President.....	Barry Corson
Secretary-Treasurer.....	Paul Glaze
Chaplain.....	Thorne Lauriat
Advisor.....	Mr. Luginbuhl



ROW ONE: Kimmert, Matter, Zimmerly, Yoakam, Urlich, Cummins.
ROW TWO: Glaze, Robert Steiner, Gleason, Badertscher, Corson, King.
ROW THREE: Hochstetler, Geiser, Lauriat, Ralf Steiner, Conrad.





ROW ONE: May, Preto, S. Galloway, Stratton, L. Amstutz, C. Moser, E. Balmer, S. Hilty, Frick, Triplehorn, Skidmore.

ROW TWO: G. Moser, Conrad, Martha Badertscher, N. Montgomery, J. Hilty, B. Deifendeifer, Rachel Devier, Wiley, Rae Ann Devier, Traucht, Kimmel.

ROW THREE: E. Galloway, Herr, A. Amstutz, Burry, Frankhauser, J. Badertscher,

Parish, Bucher, S. Berry, Joseph, King.

ROW FOUR: Basinger, Geiger, Augsburger, Burkholder, S. Deifendeifer, Mar Badertscher, A. Balmer, Zimmerman, Benroth, S. Montgomery, Garmatter.

ROW FIVE: J. Berry, Diller, Hauenstein, E. Bixel, Bechtel, Nonnamake Gerber, B. Bixel, Wahlie, Schiffke, Risser.

Diller, Hilty, Triplehorn, Bucher.

Future Homemakers of America Work for Better and Happier Homes

President..... Lora Triplehorn
Vice President.....Raeleen Bucher
Secretary..... Sally Hilty
Treasurer..... Joyce Diller
Advisor..... Miss Diller



Guided by their purpose, "to work together for better and happier home life for everyone", and their motto, "Toward New Horizons", the F.H.A. spent an active year.

Meetings were planned to forward homemaking training with such programs as skits, a style show, and other various methods.

Some of the activities enjoyed during the year were as follows: the annual informal initiation, a swimming party, the F.H.A. and F.F.A. banquet, county and district rallies, and F.H.A. week, observed October 31-November 5. The school enjoyed the "Sadie Hawkins Dance", presented by the F.H.A.

The year was planned to widen greatly participation and interest in homemaking preparation, and to make parents and the rest of the community aware of the F.H.A. and its sister clubs in the state and nation.



Scene at F.H.A. & F.F.A. banquet, where several prominent guests were present. Left to right: Nora Preto, hostess; Judy Williston, state president from Delta; Ronald Lora, toastmaster; Mr. Basinger, F.F.A. advisor.



ROW ONE: Kaufman, King, Gleason, Matter, R. Lora, Arnold, Althaus.
 ROW TWO: Badertscher, Leiber, Herr, Garmatter, L. Moser, Bixel, Jorg, G. Lora.
 ROW THREE: Diller, Yoakam, Kimmet, W. Moser, Green, Chidester.
 ROW FOUR: E. Basinger, Palte, R. Moser, Hartman, G. Basinger.

Future Farmers of America Work for Better Farms of Tomorrow

President.....	Don Kimmet
Vice President.....	James Matter
Secretary.....	Ronald Lora
Treasurer.....	Dan Gleason
Historian.....	Marvin Diller
Advisor.....	Mr. Basinger



High school boys studying vocational agriculture are eligible to join the F.F.A., which is affiliated with the state and national associations. This year the club was composed of 26 active members, 5 graduate members, and 6 honorary members.

Among the club's achievements this year were the winning of first place in the State Poultry Judging Contest by Paul Jorg and tenth place by the poultry judging team. Three members, Evan Lehman, LaVerne Moser, and Frederick Amstutz, were honored with their State Farmer Degrees. Robert Green won a trip to the National F.F.A. Convention in Kansas City for his excellent exhibits at the Allen County Fair. Don Kimmet won a gold award in public speaking at the district contest. For the fourth consecutive year, the chapter won the county pest hunt trophy.

Through projects, fair entries, contests, and other competitive activities, the F.F.A. members enlarge their interest and skills in the field of agriculture.



STANDING: Diller, Gleason.
 SEATED: Matter, Kimmet, Lora.
 Boys Using Improved Practices in Swine.
 Left to right, clockwise: Althaus, Lora, Diller, Green, Moser.

Girls Participate in Many Healthful Sports



ROW ONE: S. Berry, Klassen, Triplehorn, Kempf, King, Stratton, Amstutz, Moser.
ROW TWO: Steiner, Frick, Burry, Herr, Galloway, B. Deifendeifer, Gaiffe, Stauffer.
ROW THREE: S. Deifendeifer, Frankhauser, Bucher, S. Parish, P.

Parish, Criblez, Irwin, Balmer.

ROW FOUR: Koontz, Schiffke, Schmidt, Hursey, Reichenbach, Bechtel, Nonnamaker, Gerber, Hauenstein.

ROW FIVE: Preto, Hilly, J. Berry, Risser, Montgomery, Tschantz, Diller, Toews.

President..... Anita Klassen
Vice President..... Ellen Balmer
Secretary-Treasurer..... Nan Schmidt
Advisor..... Mrs. Patterson

Almost everyone enjoys athletics, including the B.H.S. girls. A wide program of sports was followed this year by the Girls' Athletic Association, under the direction of Mrs. Patterson, girls' physical education teacher.

Much action was seen at meetings where the girls played volley ball, basketball, kickball, and many other games. They had exchange playnights with the college G.A.A., sponsored a school party, sold at a game, and traveled to nearby indoor pools for some swim parties.

The members of the G.A.A. may earn awards by the club's point system. The club strives to develop well-rounded characters and most of all, a sense of fair play.

Balmer, Schmidt, Klassen.



G.A.A. girls enjoy sports in physical education classes.



Boys Interested in Sports Join Together in the Varsity B

Participating in school sports such as football, basketball, or baseball makes boys eligible for joining the Varsity B. They gain additional enjoyment from these and other sports by combining with other boys.

Some of their more important activities were as follows: presenting the outstanding athletes in each sport with awards, purchasing the traditional football necklaces for the homecoming queen and attendants, and sponsoring a school party with the G.A.A.

President..... Denver Zimmerly
Vice President..... Thorne Lauriat
Secretary-Treasurer..... Don Kimmet
Advisor..... Mr. Schmidt

Kimmet, Zimmerly, Lauriat.

At noons, the boys have fun with their favorite pastime, sports.



ROW ONE: Urich, Geiser, Gleason, King, Leiber, Edwards, Kohli, Shumaker.

ROW TWO: Burry, D. Badertscher, Bruce Triplett, Corson, Kimmet, Greiner, Reichenbach.

ROW THREE: Hartman, Aukerman, Matter, Zimmerly, B. Badertscher,

Chamberlain.

ROW FOUR: Chidester, Green, Lora, Alspach, Lauriat, Bret Triplett, Cummins.

MISSING: R. Basinger, G. Basinger, Berry, Edinger, Fields, Henderson



ROW ONE: Montgomery, Buccaneer; Klassen, G.A.A.; Triplehorn, F.H.A.; Kempf, Junior Class; King, Tri-Hi-Y; Stratton, Cutlass.
 ROW TWO: Herr, Sophomore Class; Kimmet, F.F.A.; Lauriat, Student Patrol; Aukerman, Senior Class; Steiner, Hi-Y.
 ROW THREE: Schiffke, Freshman Class; Matter, Music Organizations; Zimmerly, Varsity B.

Student Senate is Symbol of Democracy at Bluffton High

Serving on the senate are the leaders of school organizations and classes. By discussing and voting on school problems, they have been able to reach many important decisions democratically.

They decided who would have concessions at games, set up certain rules to cover school questions, provided for a school party each month, and came to conclusions on other important issues.

The student senate represents the school opinions as a whole, and the members have tried to settle all questions as fairly and democratically as possible.



Montgomery, Kimmet, Triplehorn.

President.....	Don Kimmet
Vice President.....	Sue Montgomery
Secretary-Treasurer.....	Lora Triplehorn
Advisor.....	Mr. Buhler

Some members introduced their organizations in the orientation assembly. Left to right: Triplehorn, King, Kimmet, Steiner, Lauriat, Mr. Murray.



National Honor Society Members Rate Highest in Scholarship and Leadership



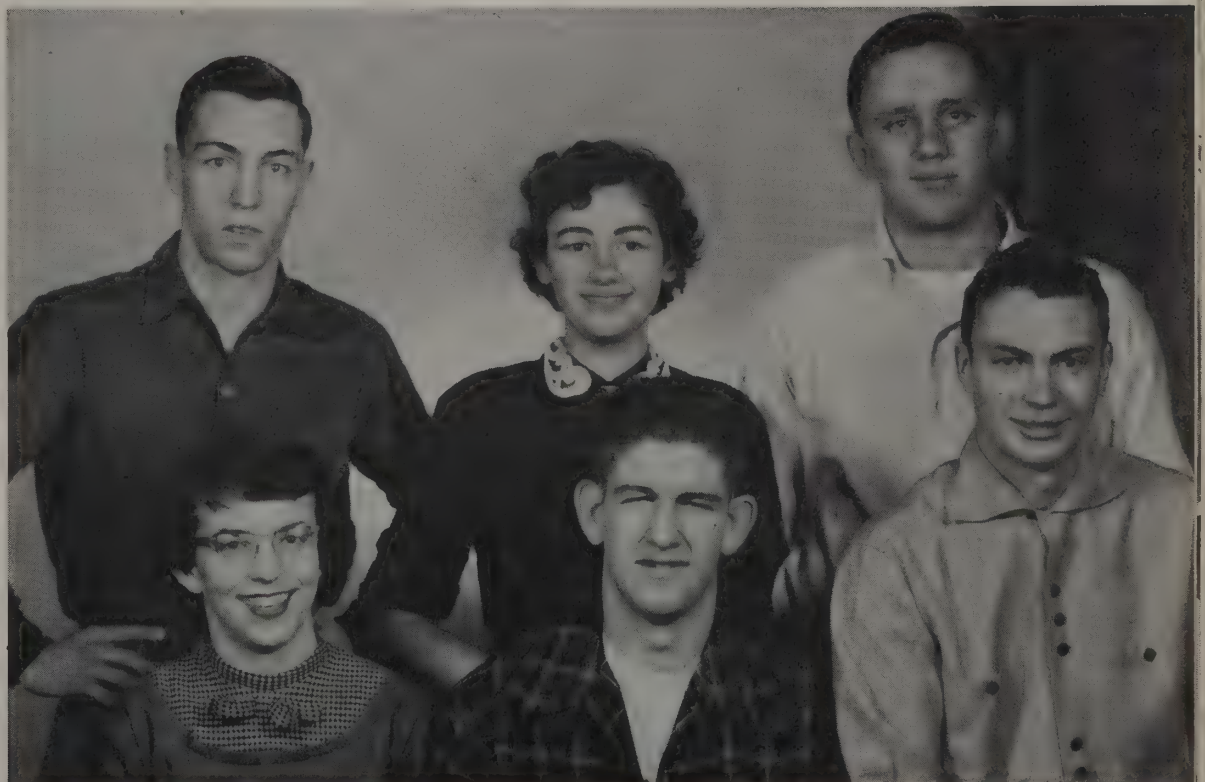
SEATED: Jorg; Lauriat, Secretary-Treasurer; Stratton, President.
STANDING: Gierman, S. Berry, Frankhauser, J. Berry, Montgomery.

Not more than fifteen percent of the senior class and not more than five percent of the junior class are selected as members of the National Honor Society. They must have a B average or better and their capability must be proven by their participation in school work and activities.



Student Patrol Works to Promote School Safety

The safety and order of B.H.S. is promoted by the student patrol, a group which performs such duties as ushering at school programs, operating hall lights, and enforcing school safety rules.



SEATED: Berry; Lauriat, captain; Steiner.
STANDING: Corson, Gierman, Aukerman.

Music Played a Big Part

For Those Who Took Part and Those Who Listened



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Victory March

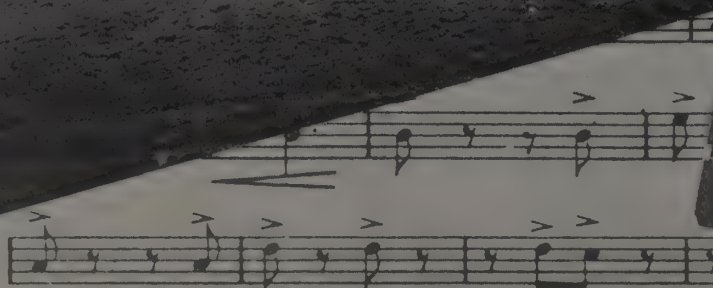
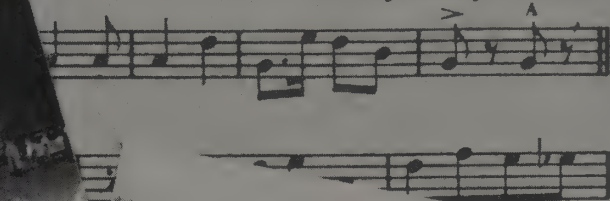
By
JOHN F. SHEA '08
& Rev. MICHAEL J. SHEA '04
Arr. by Harry L. Alford



Across The Field

E♭ Baritone Saxophone

By
W. A. OUGHERTY JR.
Arr. by Harry L. Alford





ROW ONE: E. Galloway, C. Moser, Geiger, W. Jorg, S. Galloway, Stratton, Tschantz, Bucher, S. Hilty, G. Moser, L. Herr, Basinger, M. Gierman, Triplehorn, Frick.
 ROW TWO: J. Berry, Schmidt, Frankhauser, Havenstein, S. Montgomery, Walker, Skidmore, N. Steiner, J. Hilty, I. Gierman, Balmer, Rachel Garmatter, S. Berry, Klassen, C. Garmatter.
 ROW THREE: A. Hilty, B. Bixel, E. Bixel, Nonnamaker, Matter, R. Steiner, Yoakam, Althaus, Marvin Diller, Cummins, P. Jorg, J. Montgomery, Leiber, Mary Diller, Toews, Burry.
 ROW FOUR: Reichenbach, Hursey, Triplett, Richard Garmatter, Kimmel, Gleason, R. Lora, Lauriat, Geiser, Badertscher, Glaze, G. Lora, T. Diller, Bechtel, L. Amstutz.
 MISSING: B. Herr, A. Amstutz.

Mixed Chorus Popular with Many Audiences

Under the direction of their capable leader, the mixed chorus has become a widely known organization.

The group has performed before many audiences, including its appearance at the principal's group at the annual teachers' meeting in Toledo, in October. Other performances were given at the Christmas program, in which they combined with the grade school for a stirring holiday

presentation. They sang at the Easter sunrise service and combined with the other high school music groups for the annual Spring Concert. Each year, an operetta or musical is presented by the music department. The mixed chorus always plays an important part in this production.

President

James Matter

Vice President

Sandra Berry

Secretary-Treasurer

Ronald Lora



Berry, Matter, Lora.



ROW ONE: Montgomery, Burry, Bixel, T. Diller, Basinger, Glaze, Althaus, G. Lora, Jorg, Leiber.
ROW TWO: Steiner, Kimmelt, Garmatter, R. Lora, Geiser, Gleason, Chamberlain, M. Diller, Kohli.

ROW THREE: Reichenbach, Yoakam, Triplett, Matter, Lauriat, Badertscher, Chidester, Cummins, Berry.
MISSING: Herr.

Boys' Voices Blend in Many Spirited Songs

Glaze, Steiner, Chamberlain.



The Boys' Glee Club has been a successful group for the past few years and this year was no exception.

They liked singing for assemblies, music programs, and contests. The boys had the opportunity to sing on Reverend Thomas's radio program over station WIMA.

The songs they enjoyed most were such as "Down the Open Road." The Boys' Glee has been gaining in popularity and is sure to be a promising organization for years to come.

President..... Paul Glaze
Vice President.....Robert Steiner
Secretary-Treasurer Frank Chamberlain



ROW ONE: Kimmet, E. Galloway, C. Moser, Stratton, Jorg, S. Galloway, Geiger, Stauffer, G. Moser, L. Herr, Basinger, R. Garmatter, Triplehorn, Frick.

ROW TWO: J. Berry, Traucht, B. Deifendeifer, D. Herr, A. Balmer, S. Deifendeifer, Augsburg, Skidmore, J. Hilty, I. Gierman, E. Balmer, Burry, May, Sprunger, Bauman.

ROW THREE: Clauss, J. Badertscher, Wahlie, Frankhauser, Parish,

Zimmerman, S. Montgomery, S. Hilty, S. Berry, L. Amstutz, Rachel Devier, N. Montgomery, M. Badertscher, Rae Ann Devier, Weiss.

ROW FOUR: Nonnamaker, A. Hilty, Gerber, Walker, B. Bixel, E. Bixel, Reichenbach, Hursey, Core, Hauenstein, Bechtel, C. Garmatter, Klassen, Diller, Toews.

MISSING: Petrucelli.

Large Group of Girls Harmonize Throughout the Year

The Girls' Glee, composed of about 60 girls, were busy this year preparing for various assembly programs, concerts, and contests. Along with the other music groups, they have made fine showings at contests in the past few years.

They enjoyed many beautiful numbers such as "Bless This House" and "In My Garden." The fun of singing has united many girls, and under fine direction, they have shown their capability in many difficult numbers.

Amstutz, Hauenstein, Berry.



President..... Karin Hauenstein
Vice President.....Lois Amstutz
Secretary-Treasurer..... Sandra Berry

Music Department Stages "Babes in Toyland"



Alan and Contrary Mary sing "Just a Whisper Away."



Widow Piper and Barnaby sing "Before and After."



Jane and Tom meet at last.



Roderigo, Gonzorgo, Marmaduke, and Hilda.



The Master Toymaker sings for the Piper Children.

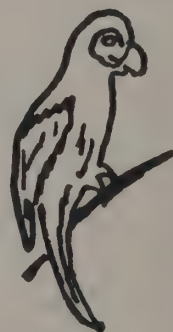


ROW ONE: Cummins, W. Jorg, Lauriat, Gierman, Skidmore, Glaze.
ROW TWO: Basinger, J. Burry, Stratton, Montgomery, Kohli, P. Jorg, Galloway.
ROW THREE: Lora, Amstutz, Bixel, S. Burry, Diller, Jacqueline Berry.
ROW FOUR: James Berry, Steiner, Geiser, Gleason, Kimmet.

The sparkling operetta, "Babes in Toyland," highlighted with Victor Herbert's famous musical score, was presented April 1 and 2. The story takes place in colorful Mother Goose Land and Toyland settings, with the familiar Mother Goose characters portrayed gayly by the main cast and a large group of singers and dancers in the chorus.

THE CAST

Hilda.....	Sue Montgomery
Jack.....	Jerry Kohli
Jill.....	Dorothy Stratton
Bo Peep.....	Eva Galloway
Barnaby.....	Thorne Lauriat
Tom.....	Raymond Cummins
Widow Piper.....	Irlene Gierman
Gonzorgo.....	Don Kimmet
Roderigo.....	Dan Gleason
Jane.....	Wilma Jorg
Alan.....	Paul Glaze
Contrary Mary.....	Janice Skidmore
Giant Spider.....	Dwaine Leiber
Brown Bear.....	Don Badertscher
Fairy Queen.....	Sally Reichenbach
Marmaduke.....	Ronald Geiser
Master Toymaker.....	Robert Steiner
Grumio.....	James Berry



B. H. S. Proud to Have One of Few Orchestras in Area



ROW ONE: W. Jorg, I. Gierman, M. Gierman, N. Steiner, T. Diller, Schmidt.

ROW TWO: Klassen, A. Hilty, Shetler, Galloway, Benroth, Reichenbach, C. Patterson.

ROW THREE: J. Hilty, Walker, Lucille Amstutz, N. Patterson, Bixel,

Stauffer, M. Diller, Frankhauser, Smucker, May, Clauss, Jordon, M. Steiner.

ROW FOUR: Montgomery, Nonnamaker, Lauriat, Garmatter, Lois Amstutz, Berry, R. Steiner, Herr, Balmer, Basinger, P. Jorg, Tschantz, Glaze.

Composed of 42 members, the orchestra gave several public concerts and again competed in the annual music contests, where Bluffton's is one of the few orchestras represented.

The orchestra played for commencement, as the custom has been. Several of the members participated in the regional orchestra held in Toledo. The school is proud of the orchestra, which instead of diminishing as most, has been growing in members and new instruments in the past few years.

President..... Paul Glaze
Vice President..... Eleanor Bixel
Secretary..... Anita Klassen



Bixel, Klassen, Glaze.



ROW ONE: Stauffer, Hauenstein, E. Bixel, Mary Diller, Walker, Lauriat.
 ROW TWO: L. Herr, C. Herr, C. Geiger, Augsburg, J. Berry, Deifen-
 deifer.
 ROW THREE: Little, A. Balmer, Jorg, Klassen, Lora, W. Herr.
 ROW FOUR: R. Garmatter, E. Balmer, Michael Diller, D. Bixel, Steiner,
 B. Bixel.
 ROW FIVE: Marvin Diller, Althaus, Bechtel, Hursey.

Band Displays Talents

The sixty band members not only learned marches and popular music, but also played a number of concert pieces.

On the more serious side, they practiced more difficult numbers for concerts and contest. Mr. Lehman did a fine job keeping the spirits of the members in harmony with the music they were playing.

President Saundra Berry
 Vice President Lois Amstutz
 Secretary-Treasurer James Matter



Berry, Matter, Amstutz.



with All Types of Music

As soon as school started, the band began to practice marching several hours a week. This practice was well rewarded by the fine showings they made in support of the football team. They also enjoyed many stunt songs which they played for the basketball crowds.

The marching band owed much of their success to the six majorettes, with Carol Moser as head majorette and Sandra Edie as mascot.

ROW ONE: Matter, Chidester, Amstutz, Hilty, C. Garmatter, H. Geiger.
 ROW TWO: Frankhauser, Gierman, S. Berry, Moser, Edie.
 ROW THREE: Hochstettler, N. Montgomery, Emmert, Baker, Basinger, Tschiegg.
 ROW FOUR: Glaze, Lehman, Triplehorn, Crawfis, Core.
 ROW FIVE: Schmidt, Gerber, S. Montgomery, Nonnamaker, Huber.

Tschantz, Stratton, Moser, Bucher, Steiner. Foreground: Edie.



Other School Music Groups

Senior Girls' Ensemble

The senior girls' ensemble spent their last year together. They have held much popularity and enjoyed singing together. The girls have gained superior ratings at district and state contests since the group was organized in their freshman year. They are to be congratulated for this fine record, which very few groups such as this can claim.

Lauriat, Jorg, Gierman, Glaze.

Skidmore, Stratton, Jorg, Klassen, Hursey, Montgomery, Amstutz, Berry. MISSING: Gierman.



Mixed Ensemble

The mixed ensemble has been very busy during the past year singing for many clubs and other groups in and near this community. They have had many pleasant experiences singing together and should also be congratulated for the many fine performances they have given to so many audiences.

Junior Band

This music group is composed of seventh and eighth grade instrumentalists who are preparing for future membership in the senior band. Although they did not appear publicly, many members also participated in senior band and the size of their group being large, they give promise for a fine senior band in the future.



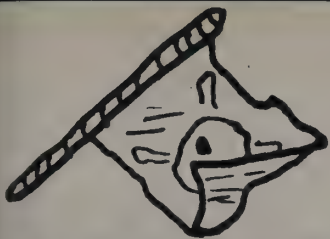
ROW ONE: Schmutz, Reichenbach, C. Patterson, Dillman, Bixel, Berry, L. Diller.

ROW TWO: Stratton, S. Diller, Shetler, N. Patterson.

ROW THREE: Huber, Edie, Swank, Anderson, Geiger, Herr, Gerber, Hauenstein, Basinger, Deerhake, M. Diller, R. Frankhauser, J. Frankhauser.

ROW FOUR: Huff, Emmert, Little, Basinger, Crawfis, Clauss, Zimmerman, Baker, Tschiegg.





Spirited Cheerleaders Back the Team

Burry, Frick, Basinger.



Varsity Cheerleaders

Both in the chilling cold at the football games and the hot gymnasiums at the basketball games, the three varsity cheerleaders followed the teams. In all kinds of weather, the girls kept the crowds cheering and boosted the teams' spirits. The school kept behind the three and helped make a fine cheering section at every game of the season.

Hilty, Urich, Gaiffe, Berry.

Reserve Cheerleaders

The reserve cheerleaders are chosen from grades seven through ten. These girls did their duty by sticking with the reserve team and leading cheers for them at all the basketball games. They gained much experience and proved their capability throughout the season.



Hilty, Gaiffe, Berry.

Basinger, Frick, Burry.

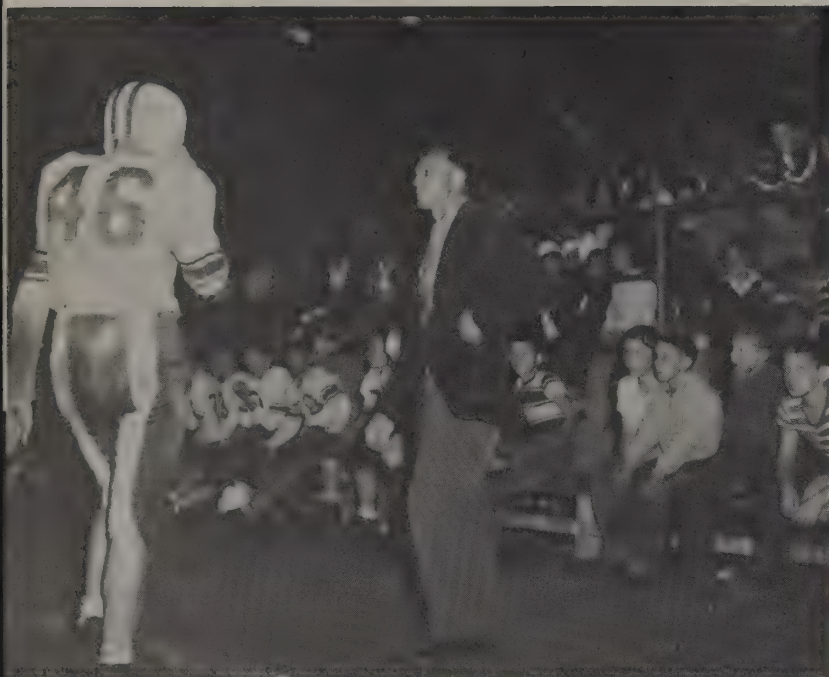
At pep meetings, the girls were ready to lead in practice cheers.

Many brisk cheers came from the football field, when these girls got started.





"Between the Goal Posts"



Left—
Coach beams
as Corson
comes off
the field.



Right—
Fellows
on the
bench
ready for
action.



A pile-up with Spencerville.



King kicks off. L.—Conrad R. King.



Fields gets his man.



Homecoming
concessions.
Badertscher
selling mums,
as Criblez
looks on.



Mixed emotions.
Far L.—
Burry,
Reichenbach,
Triplett,
Fields.



All eyes on the field.

Pirates Grasp Fourth Place in Northwest Conference

1954 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

September 10.....	Preview vs. Vanlue**
September 17.....	Lafayette*
September 24.....	Ada
October 1.....	Elida
October 8.....	Pandora-Gilboa*
October 15.....	Delphos Jefferson*
October 22.....	Spencerville*
October 28.....	Columbus Grove
November 5.....	Wapakoneta
November 12.....	Forest

* Games Won

** No Score

BLUFFTON PIRATES! FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT! was often heard from the industrious student body of B.H.S., and the Pirates followed those directions to a T.

Jack Fields climbed to 2nd place scorer in the league. The whole team deserved the praises given them, for they fought from the first kick-off to the end of the game.

The Pirates opened their "54" season in the preview with a scoreless battle against Vanlue. They were too much for the Lafayette Wolves, grappling the first victory from them, 19-12.

Somehow the team couldn't get started with the Bulldogs and lost a sad game to Ada.

The poor Pirates were sunk again! In a close one with Elida, Fields took it over for the T.D. which gave us 6 to their 12 in the final score.

The Pirates got revenge by clobbering the P.G. Rockets 33-7.

Delphos was somewhat surprised that rainy night

when the Pirates waded through to a victory 20-6. Also, Spencerville was left gaping when they were overcome 20-0 in an exciting game for the homecoming crowd.

The team played a hard game in a close one with Columbus Grove, struggling second place, BUT—the Pirates will strike again in "55". Failed again—the Pirates were overpowered by Wapak 28-0.

THE EYES WERE OPENED WIDE as the Pirates displayed their power and teamwork against the once-beaten Forest Rangers, who battled for the defeat 37-26 and left Bluffton in 4th place in the conference.

Six powerful seniors, who will be missed next year, bade good-bye to the high school gridiron. They were Rex Aukerman, Dean Badertscher, Fred Basinger, Don Kimmet, James Matter, and Junior Zimmerly.

A big hand is due to all the fellows and best of luck to next year's battlers as they make their plunge for the "55" N.W.C. championship.

Halftime for the team.



Large crowds such as this always followed the team.

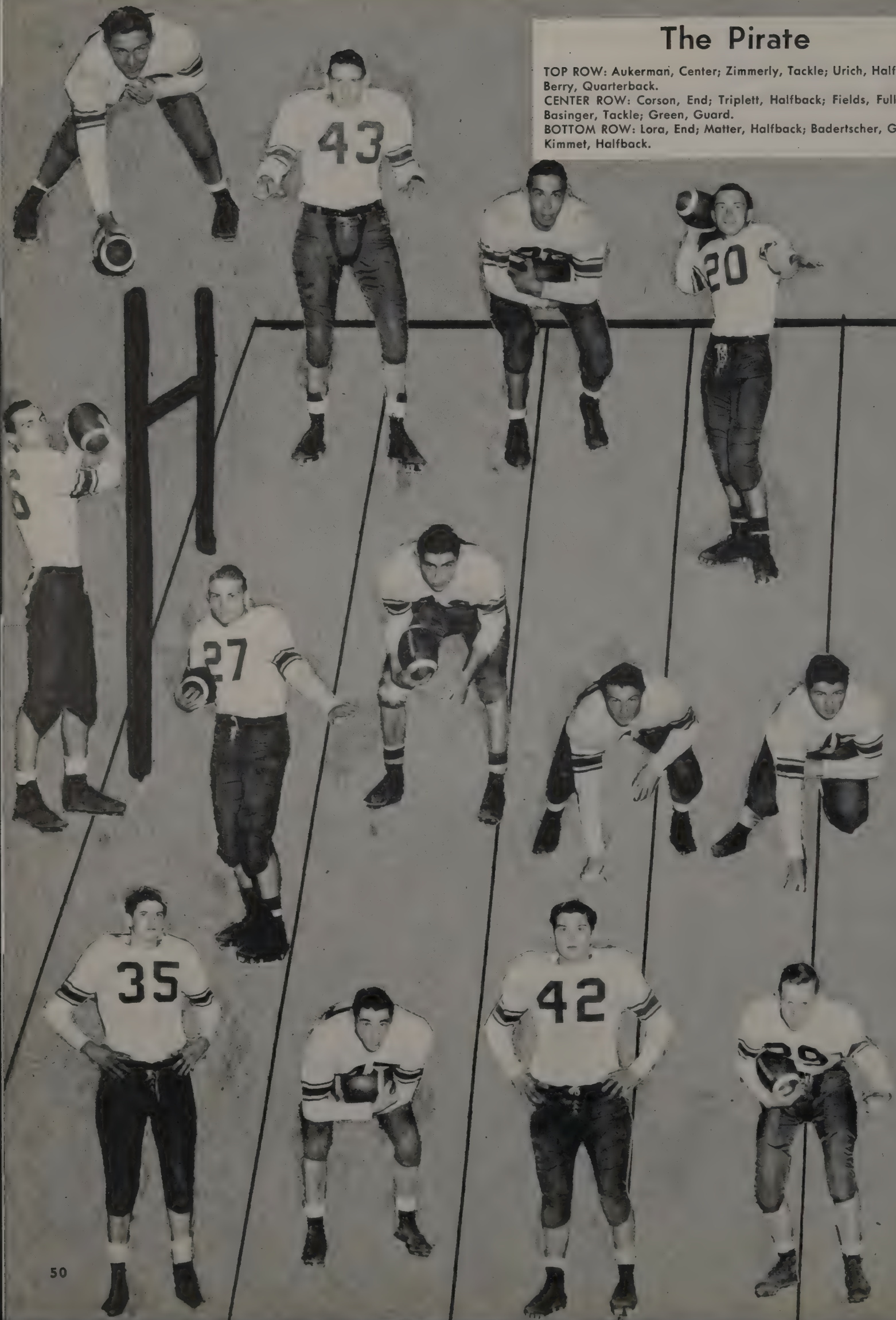


The Pirate

TOP ROW: Aukerman, Center; Zimmerly, Tackle; Urich, Halfback; Berry, Quarterback.

CENTER ROW: Corson, End; Triplett, Halfback; Fields, Fullback; Basinger, Tackle; Green, Guard.

BOTTOM ROW: Lora, End; Matter, Halfback; Badertscher, Guard; Kimmet, Halfback.



Football Squad

TOP ROW: Chidester, Guard; Triplett, Center; Cummins, Guard; Shumaker, End.

CENTER ROW: Alspach, End; Chamberlain, Tackle; Conrad, Tackle; King, Guard; Reichenbach, Quarterback.

BOTTOM ROW: Kohli, Tackle; Hartman, Guard; Henderson, Halfback.





Dawn Triplehorn Queen

Sue Montgomery Attendant

Karin Hauenstein Attendant

Homecoming Held October 22

Each year three senior girls are elected to reign at the homecoming game and dance. The student body chose Dawn Triplehorn as their queen. She was attended by Sue Montgomery and Karin Hauenstein.

The queen was attired in a red taffeta dress and carried a huge bouquet of white mums. Her attendants wore black dresses with white stoles and red corsages.

At the half, Queen Dawn was crowned and presented a gold football necklace by Rex Aukerman. Her attendants were presented silver footballs by Junior Zimmerly and Dean Badertscher.

The band presented a show in honor of the queen. It was "The Story of Cinderella."

The Pirates kept the crowd roaring as they smeared Spencerville. This was one of the most spectacular games of the season.

After the game the royal company was escorted by David Steiner, Paul Fritchie, and Thornton Lauriat and led by the band to the dance.

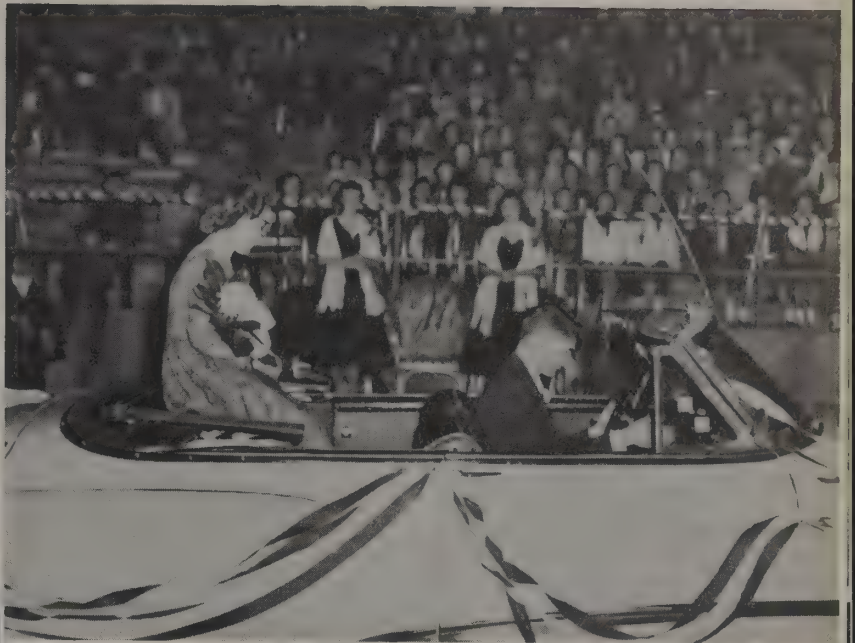
The Homecoming dance, sponsored by the junior class, was very successful in completion of the festivities.

"Queen for a Night"

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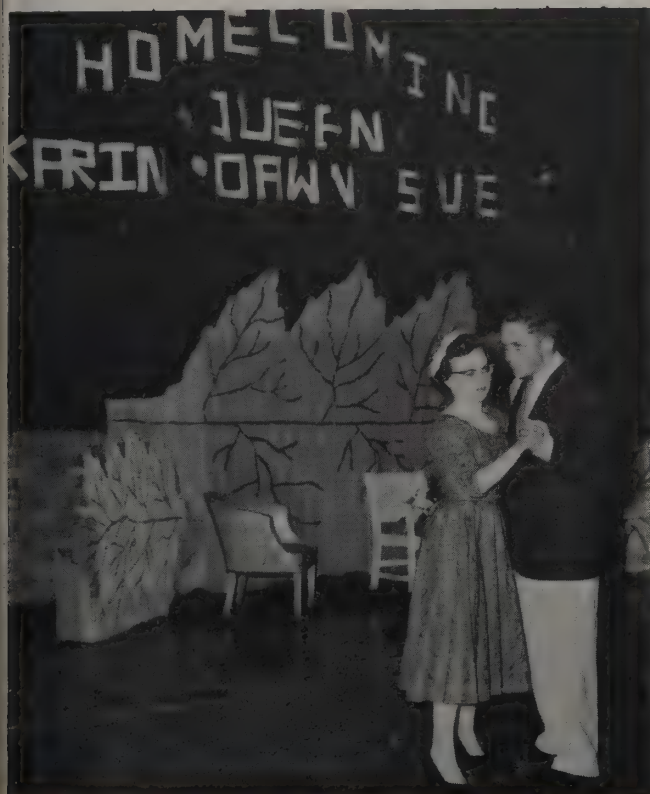
Arriving at the Big game.



Delivered at the Throne by Thorne.



A royal kiss is given by Rex Aukerman, football captain.



The first dance.

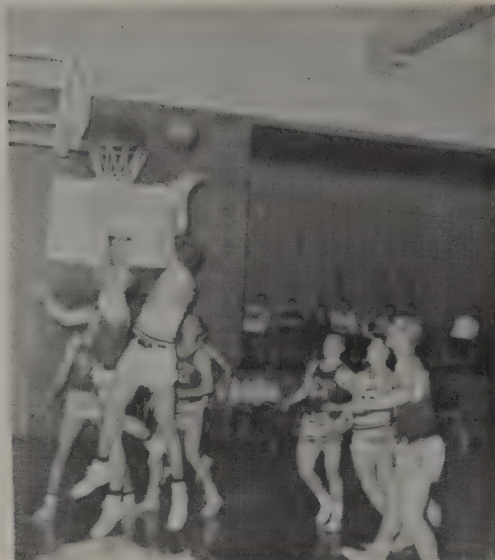


The court is "all smiles."

An Action-packed Basketball Season



Ulrich makes for another of his famous goals.



Hard-hit by Van Wert, the Pirates struggled for this basket.



Fields gets the tip; as Lora, far right, prepares to receive.



In this fast-moving moment, Matter tries a long shot, far right.



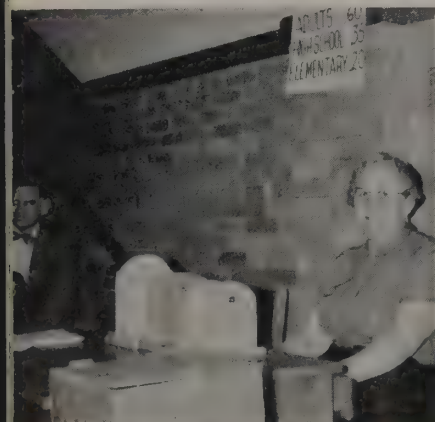
All eyes follow the ball, as Matter is in on the jump.



Watching from the sidelines, the rest of the team cheers.



Before home games, the school filed into the gym to "pep up" the team.



Teachers took over the season's ticket sales. Ewing, Slusser.



Organizations had concessions. Zimmerly, Aukerman, Kimmel.



The band played at halves and between games.



Pirates Finish Third in the League

1954-1955 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

November 23	.....	Spencerville*
November 30	.....	Lafayette*
December 3	.....	Wapakoneta*
December 10	.....	Shawnee*
December 14	.....	Elida*
December 17	.....	Ada*
December 21	.....	Delphos Jefferson*

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

December 28	.....	Columbus Grove
December 29	.....	Pandora-Gilboa*
January 7	.....	Celina*
January 14	.....	Kenton
January 22	.....	St. Marys
January 25	.....	Pandora-Gilboa*
January 28	.....	Bellefontaine*
February 1	.....	Columbus Grove
February 4	.....	North Baltimore
February 11	.....	Van Wert

* Games Won

"Go! Go! Go!" were the famous last words of a certain coach sitting on the side lines, after sending the team into play.

The Pirates tripped Spencerville 67-49, in the first game of the season. Jack Fields was high point man with 30.

The second game was a great triumph as the Pirates took Lafayette 70-49. Fields and Lora were high with 16 points each. In the first W.B.L. game, they went for their third straight win over Wapakoneta and drowned them 79-49! Berry led with 19 and Fields with 18 points.

The second W.B.L. game was against a great rival, Shawnee, which was defeated by Bluffton for the first time in history, 65-54. Fields was again high with 18 through the loop. The Elida Bulldogs were demolished as the Pirates pounded them 72-40. The Pirates kept the spectators on their toes as they played an overtime with the Ada Bulldogs. The Pirates scored 10 points in the overtime while the Bulldogs fell short with only 2. This left the final score, Bluffton—63, Ada—55. Fields was on top with 27.

The team went for their sixth straight win as they defeated Delphos Jefferson 63-50. Fields was again high with 20 buckets.

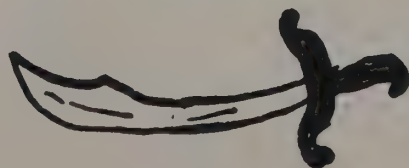
In the Christmas Carnival—Bluffton suffered their first loss as Columbus Grove struggled for the defeat 51-57. Robert Badertscher and Ronald Lora were high with 11 points each. The second night of the carnival the Pirates played against the Pandora Rockets, who fumbled to a defeat of 63-48. Jim Berry was high with 17 and Joe Urich with 16.

The 8th victory for the Pirates was over Celina, 58-56. Fields was high with 20. Suffering their 2nd loss, the Pirates fell to Kenton 56-48. Badertscher was high with 14 and Berry with 13 points. Not giving up, the Pirates put on a struggle against St. Marys, but were handed a 3rd loss, 49-79. Urich led with 14. The Pirates soaked Pandora however; for the second time. The score was 82-66. Fields led with 30.

The 10th victory of the Pirates was over powerful Bellefontaine. Fields bucketed 17 as the Pirates led to the score of 54-55. Jim Berry tallied 14 points. The team was again defeated in their 5th loss as North Baltimore took them 53-69. Fields led with 17.

The Pirates swallowed the 6th defeat and last game of the season to Van Wert with the score ending 52-54. Fields bucketed 21.

The team ended regular season with a record of 11 wins and 6 losses. They were third in the league. Only two seniors will not be with the team next year. They are James Matter and Thorne Lauriat. The percentage average on field goals was 38.8%.



Pirate Basketball Squad

Lauriat
Forward

Matter
Forward

Lora
Forward

Fisher
Guard

Berry
Guard

Fields
Center

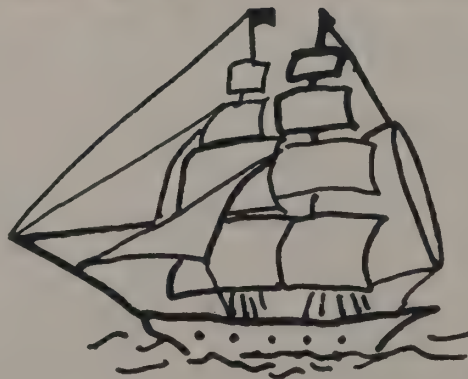
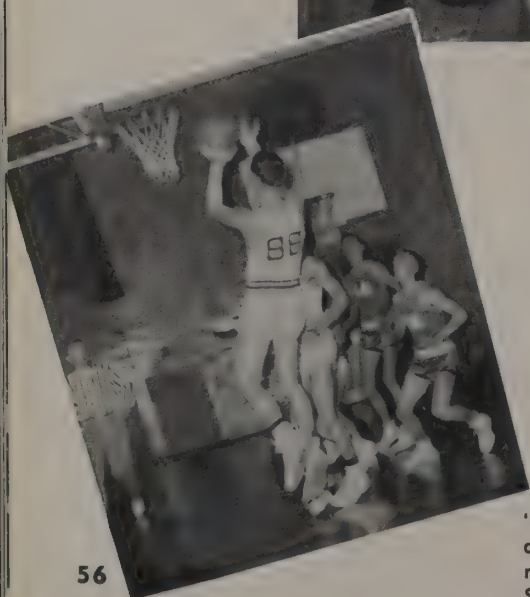
Geiser
Forward

Alspach
Center

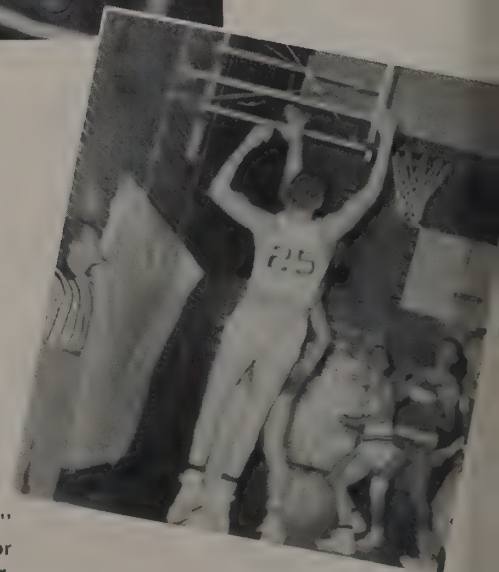
Diller
Guard

Urich
Guard

Missing:
Badertscher
Forward



"Dobes" Urich makes for
another bucket in the
rough game versus
St. Marys.

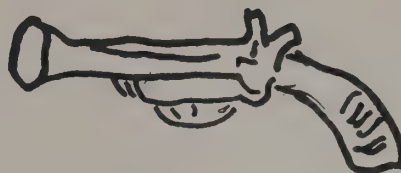


The ball was "real gone"
when Lora made for
this 2-pointer.



Hochstettler sinks a foul shot.

Reserves Finish With 10-5 Season Record



Our splendid Reserves went right into the grid as they overcame Spencerville 44-21. Alspach was high for the Pirates with 5. In the second game, the Pirates took Lafayette where our Reserves rampaged to a defeat of 47-26. Alspach was again high with 14. Still going, our victorious players scaddled Wapak Blume 32-28. Three boys shared high point honors, with 7 each.

The team suffered their first loss as Shawnee pounced upon them for a 48-37 defeat. High for Bluffton was Gleason with 10 points. The boys had a bad day when the Elida Bulldogs went into action, and left the Pirates trailing 25-28. Gleason was again high with 9 points.

Again, the poor Pirates were defeated—Delphos Jefferson overpowered them 38-48. High for the

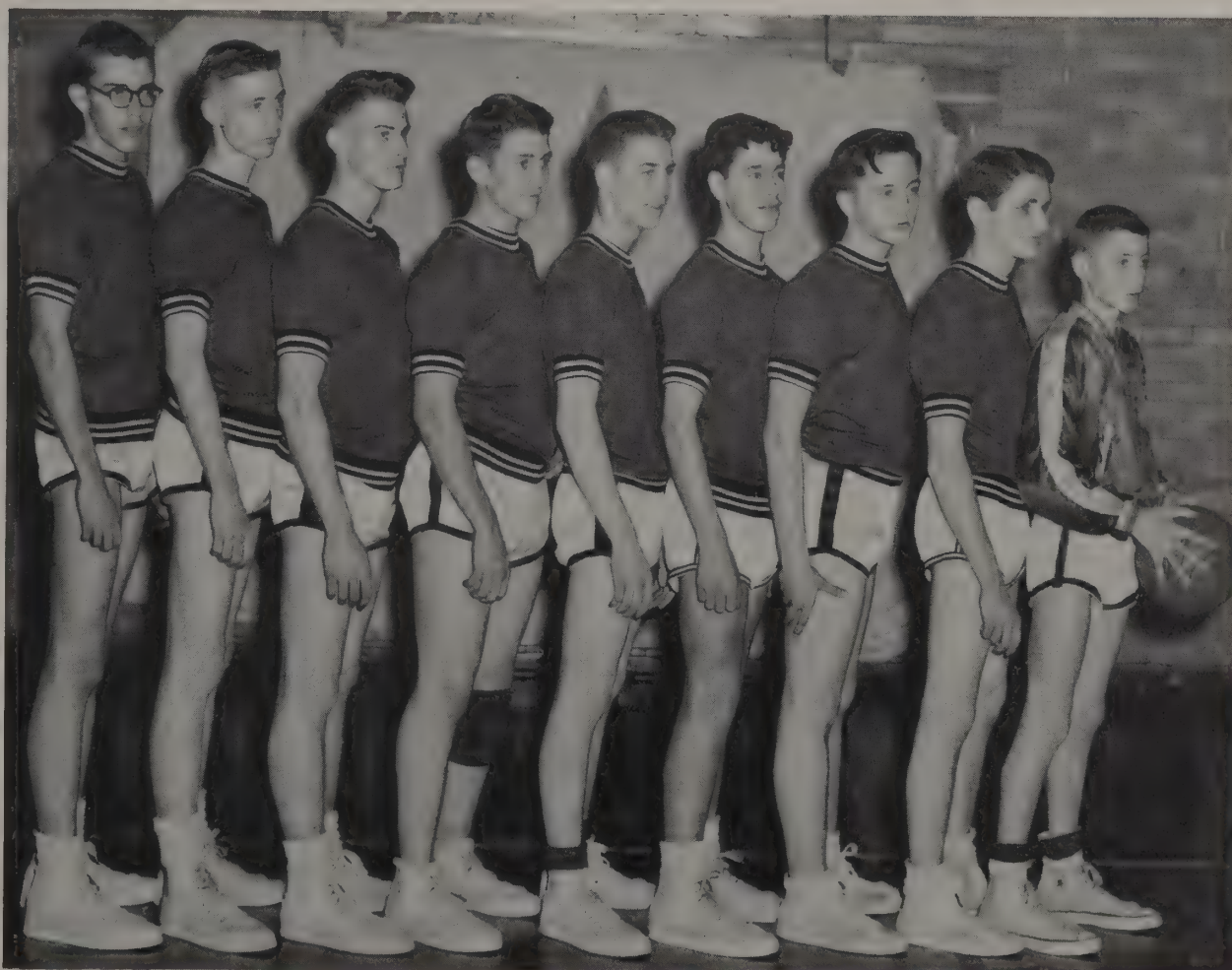
Pirates was Fisher with 12 buckets.

Celina was robbed as the Pirates, action-packed and hard-hitting, drowned them 50-41. Gleason was high point man with 19. The Reserves, hitting hard, clobbered the Kenton Wildcats to the score of 35-31. High was Fisher with 10. Again the Pirates were victors — St. Marys suffered as they were drenched 31-28. High for the Pirates was Fisher with 10.

The Pandora Rockets gave our Reserves a little surprise as they were defeated 26-29. Fisher was high with 14. Again the Pirates ceased to win, and were drenched 31-37, by Bellefontaine.

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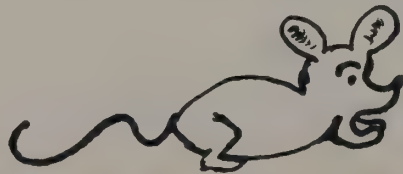
Diller, Reichenbach, Greiner, Kohli.
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Our Little Pirates' Jr. High team had a treacherous year and ended with the record of 2 wins and 4 losses.

In their first game the Jr. High dipped Bellefontaine 34-32. Lewis was high with 15. Again the little Pirates led a thriller and scorched Lafayette 48-45. Ralf Reichenbach was high with 17 tallies.

The Pirates, after much struggle, were defeated for the first time 22-26 by Bellefontaine who got revenge. Still sweating blood, our little Pirates were again defeated by Harrod 37-48. Greiner was high with 15. The Shawnee Indians were really going hard and took the Pirates for their third loss 23-43.

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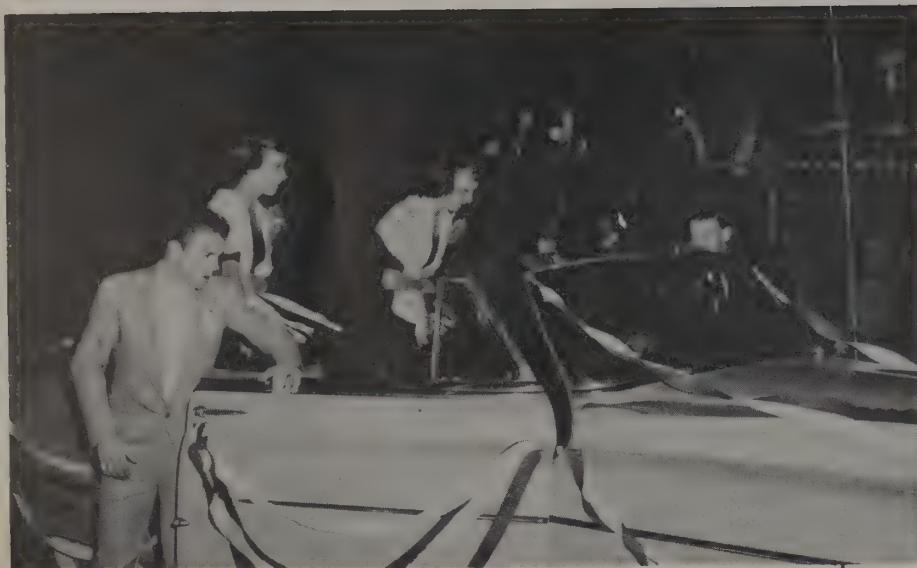
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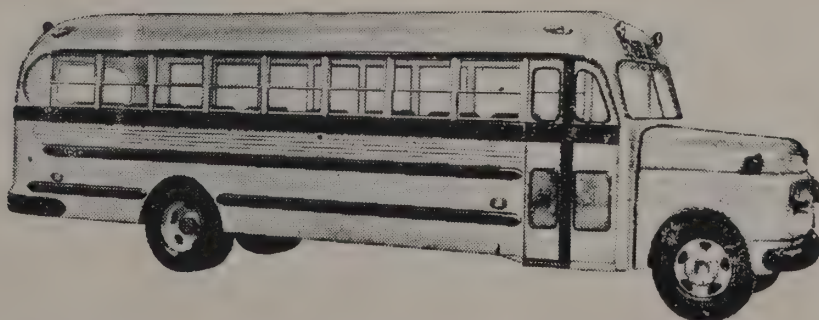
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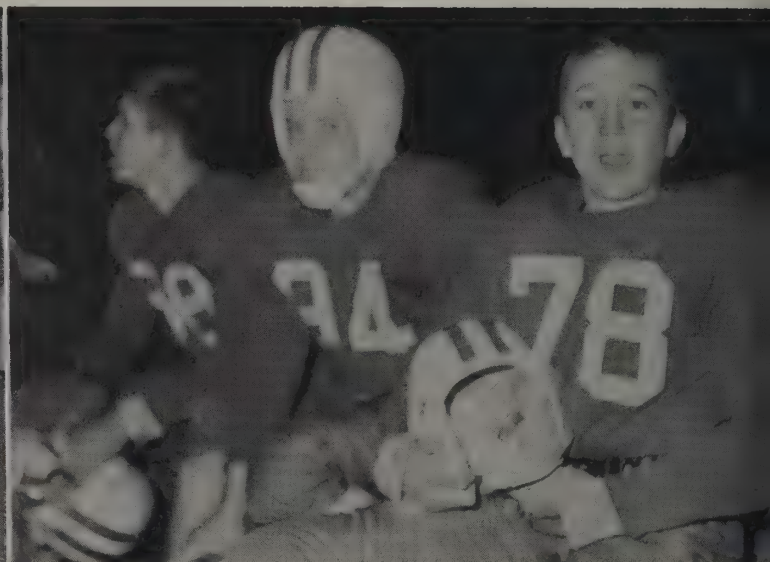
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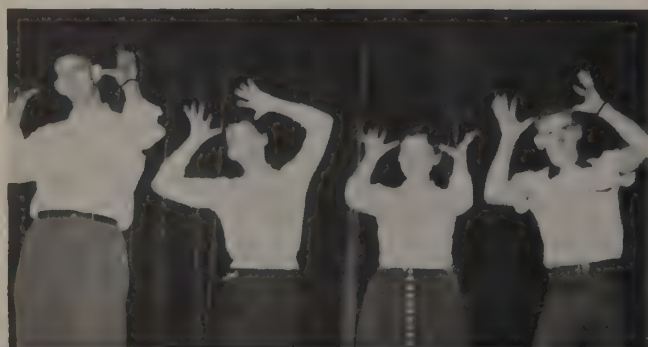
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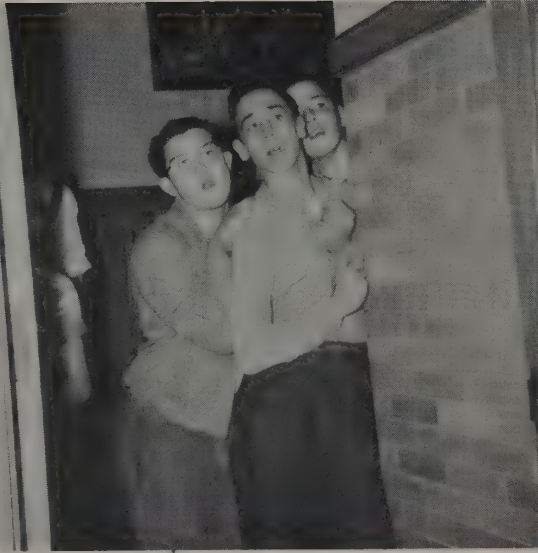
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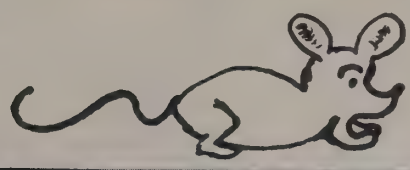
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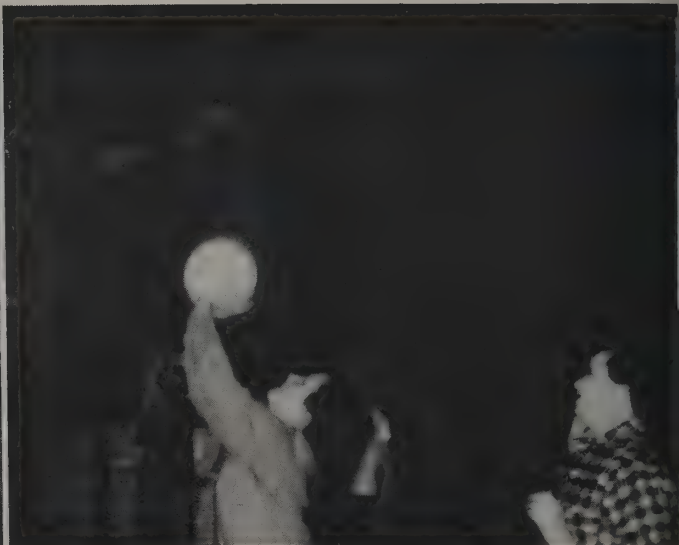
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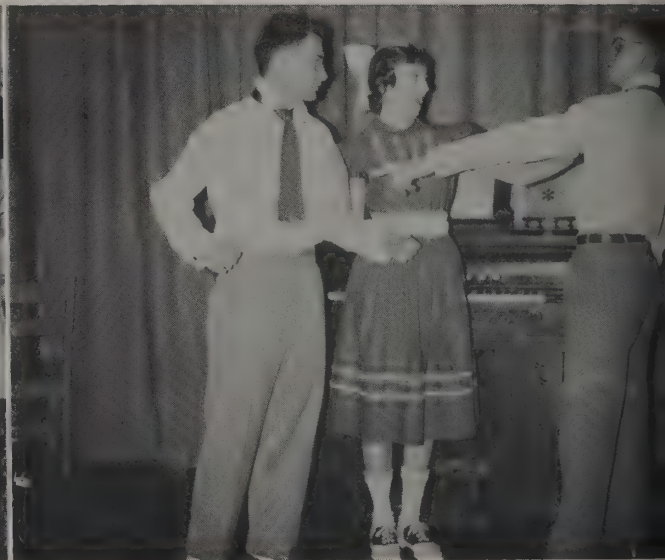
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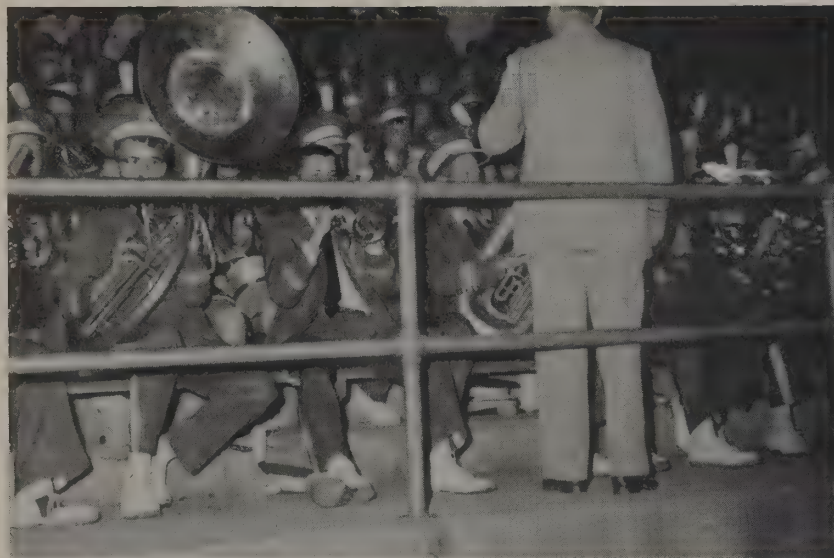
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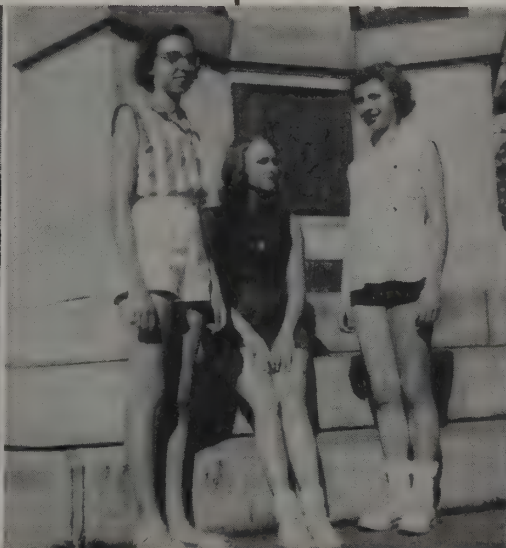


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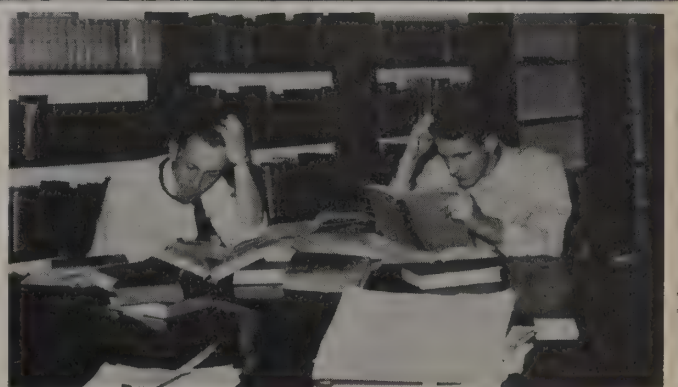
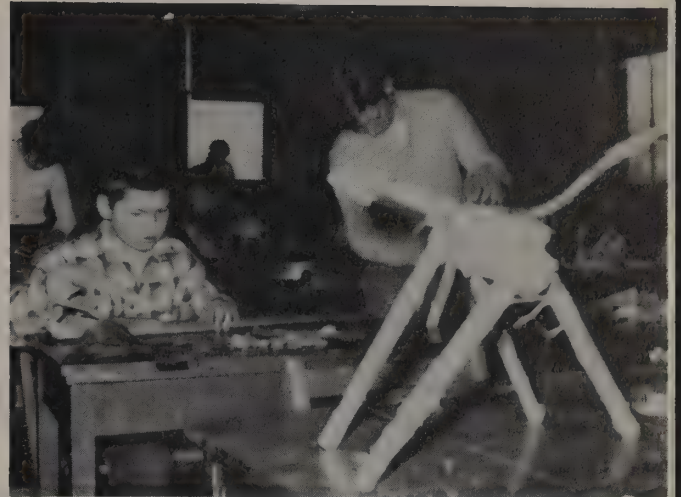
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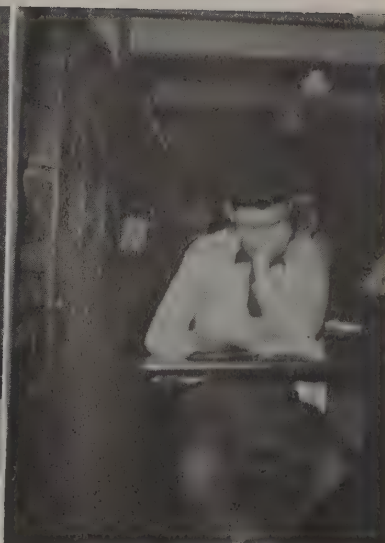
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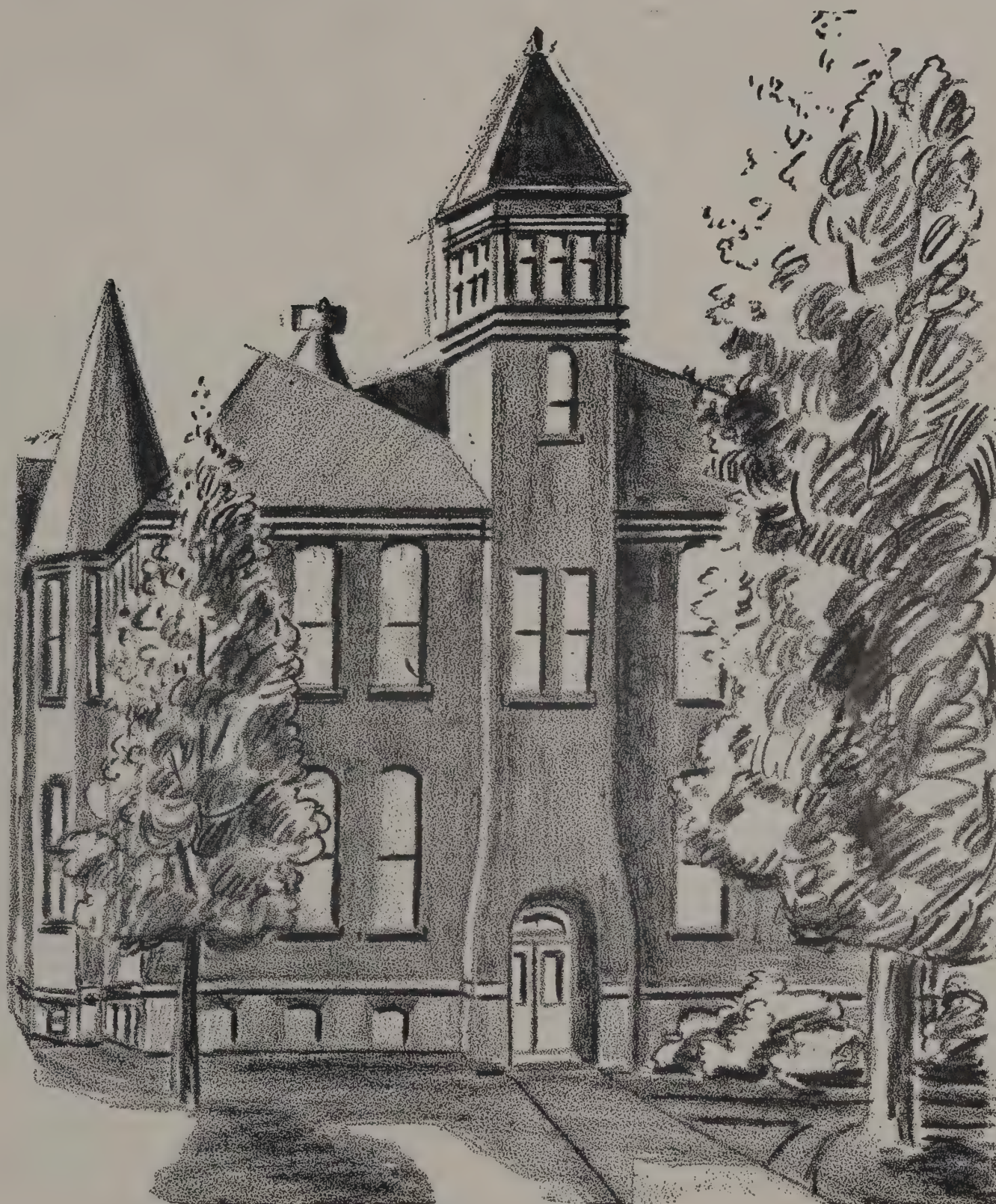
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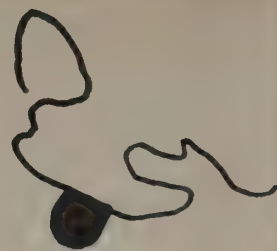
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